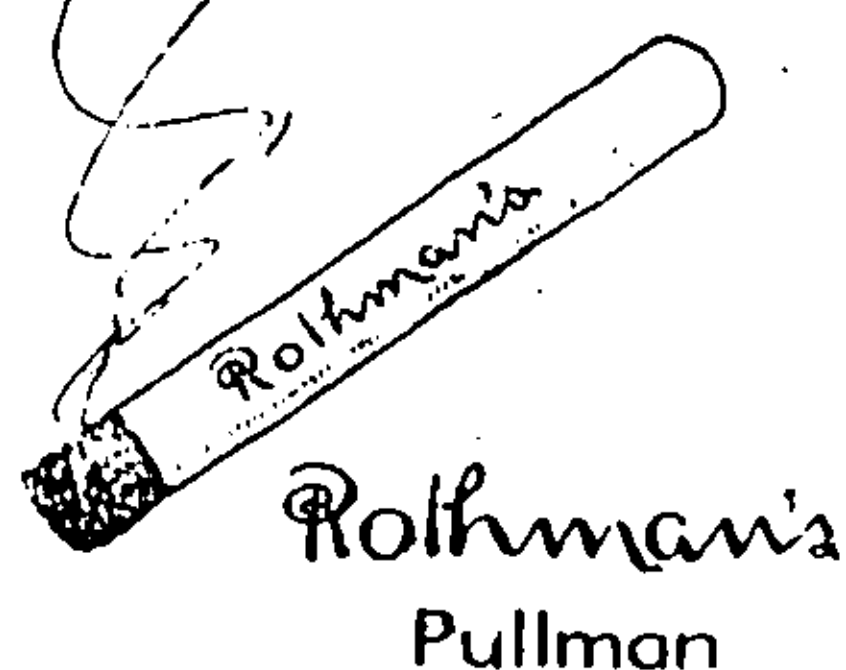


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THINKING

Quoting a statement received from an official source, the Batavia radio denies the Domei statement that new trade talks between Japan and the Netherlands East Indies have been opened and that resumption or normal trade relations was expected within a week.

The announcer said that Japan was continually endeavouring to dispel the impression created by the democracies' action in freezing Japanese assets when Japan occupied Indo-China.

The Netherlands East Indies, according to an official source, considered the occupation of Indo-China by Japan as a direct threat to them, and it goes without saying that all exports which would constitute aid to Japan's war economy would not be in the interests of the Netherlands East Indies and will, therefore, not take place.—Reuter.

Wasting
No Time

Britain, the United States and Russia are wasting no time in carrying out the trade agreement recently signed between them.

Exports, on a very large scale, are expected to be made to Russia, chiefly in rubber, tin, wool, hide and jute while Russia will export to Britain and America hemp, platinum and glycerine.

NOTICE TO
QUIT

JAPANESE LIVING IN A LARGE DEFENCE AREA IN THE SOUTH-EAST CORNER OF JOHORE HAVE BEEN GIVEN NOTICE TO LEAVE WITHIN 14 DAYS.

IT IS BELIEVED THAT MORE THAN 50 PERSONS ARE CONCERNED. MOST OF THEM RUBBER ESTATE PROPRIETORS AND MINE OWNERS, SAYS A REUTER MESSAGE FROM SINGAPORE.

Japanese War
Of Nerves Against
Thailand(By Selby Walker, Reuter's Chief
Correspondent in the Far East)

A FEELING OF TENSE EXPECTANCY CONTINUES TO PERVADE SINGAPORE IN VIEW OF THE MULTI-LINGUAL JAPANESE CAMPAIGN OF VILIFYING THE ALLEGED ANGLO-AMERICAN ENCIRCLEMENT OF JAPAN.

The Japanese are also playing up the reinforcement of Malaya as a direct threat to Thailand — apparently with the idea of opening the Thailand oyster the easiest way by persuading Thailand to appeal to Japan for "protection."

Tension is heightened by the stories told by British evacuees reaching Singapore which indicate that Indo-China is rapidly becoming an armed camp with heavy concentrations of forces on the Burma and Thai frontiers.

Another ominous portent was the broadcast announcement by an unnamed Japanese naval spokesman describing the situation as the "calm before the storm."

Malaya Ready

The man in the street, however, is heartened by the visible evidence of Malaya's preparedness and determination to defend this outpost of the Empire. This is exemplified by the presence, everywhere, of men of the fighting services from all over the Empire, including stalwart sun-burned Australians, turbaned Indians and men of famous English and Scottish regiments, as well as Malay soldiers. There is also the increasing feeling that the Thais will not timidly submit to aggression and will, if necessary, "make a fight of it."

Meanwhile, the Bangkok radio, commenting on British Ambassador Crosby's statement to Reuter, that the British Government has not presented any demands to Thailand, said that the Thais welcomed the declaration which confirmed the Thai communique to the same effect.

Premier To
Broadcast

Mr. Winston Churchill will arrive in London this morning. The Prime Minister is expected to broadcast to the nation shortly and give more details of his historic meeting with President Roosevelt.

The broadcast will probably be on Sunday.—Reuter.

SAIGON
DELIBERATIONS
POSTPONED

The Three-Power Boundary Commission was due to start deliberations in Saigon yesterday but the meeting was postponed. It is thought that the discussions are likely to cover considerable ground.—Reuter.

Another
Daylight
Sweep

The Royal Air Force is believed to have made another daylight sweep across the Straits of Dover yesterday.

At one point of the south-east coast early yesterday afternoon, a considerable force of fighters and a number of bombers were seen to cross the coast travelling towards the sea.

One group, a big formation of fighters, broke away and made a wide sweep before following the other fighters out across the Straits.

There was a considerable amount of cloud but also spells of bright sunshine and a blue sky over the Channel and off the French coast.

Lille Target

Royal Air Force bombers, accompanied by a fighter escort, bombed an industrial target at Lille yesterday afternoon, it was learned in London.—Reuter.

COMMODITY
EXCHANGES CLOSE

Commodity exchanges throughout Japan have decided to disband because of the international situation and increasing government control, says a Reuter message from Tokyo.

CONVOY
REACHES
SAIGON

After 24 hours' delay due to the typhoon, the second detachment of Japanese troops reported to number slightly less than the first convoy, began disembarking at Saigon yesterday morning.

Material is momentarily taking preference and a considerable quantity of light steel girders were landed presumably destined for the construction of barracks at Cambodia, where accommodation is reported to be insufficient.

There is no sign of heavy artillery yet although it must pass through Saigon as sufficient cranes and wharf facilities are not available elsewhere.

"Defensive Zones"

"Two or three minor problems" remain to be settled regarding Japanese troops sent to Indo-China, according to Major-General Sumita, head of the Japanese military missions in Indo-China.

He stated yesterday that he will shortly discuss these problems, which include an allotment of defensive "zones" between Japanese and French troops, with Admiral Decoux, the Vichy Governor-General of French Indo-China.—Reuter.



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New German Thrust Aimed At Leningrad Developing

Kiev And Smolensk Damped Down

LATEST REPORTS reaching London indicate that a new German thrust is developing to the north of Lake Peipus from the Estonian frontier in the direction of Leningrad, is the comment of "Annalist" on the Russian military situation.

It is not yet possible to estimate the strength of the German push which may be part of a concerted movement with the Finns who are also showing activity around Kexholm.

There is comparative quiet around Smolensk and many reports speak of indications that the Germans are digging themselves in in this region. They have certainly desisted from the costly efforts to smash through which were the features of the first six weeks' fighting.

At Kiev, too, conditions are more or less static and the two arms of the great pincer movement have been stationary at Korosten in the north-west and Byelaya in the south-east. The weight of the German drive has been transferred to southern Ukraine but the armies of Marshal Budenny have not been cut off and are still clinging tenaciously to some positions in the bend of the Dnieper.

Venturesome

It is too early to say whether the Germans will try to exploit their successes here and try to force Dnieper with a view to threatening the Don coal basin. Any such movement, with large Russian forces still undefeated on the left flank of the advance, would be a venturesome proposition.

It is more likely that Hitler will fling in his sorely tired troops against the central sectors in the hope that they will have been weakened by the despatch of help to Marshal Budenny.

But such speculation is pure guess-work as the High Command is not likely to broadcast its plans.—Reuter.

EXEMPTED FROM INTEREST TAX

It is announced that the Governor-in-Council has granted exemption from interest tax on interest payable by the following companies on Consumers' Deposits held by them:—

- The Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd.
- The Hong Kong Telephone Co., Ltd.
- The China Light and Power Co., Ltd.
- The Hong Kong and China Gas Co., Ltd.

ATTEMPT ON WANG REPORTED

According to the "Sing Tao Jih Pao" quoting a special despatch from Shanghai, an attempt to assassinate Wang Ching-wel at his private residence in Nanking was made by six armed men on Saturday night.

Wang was not hit, but two of his body-guard were killed and one seriously wounded, it is reported.

CHEQUE FOUND

A China State Bank cheque for \$150 was found in Connaught Road Central yesterday afternoon. The owner may claim it at the Water Police Station.

CHINA CURRENCY DECISIONS

The establishment of an Operating Committee to carry out the decision of the Chinese Currency Stabilisation Board was announced by the Chinese Government spokesman at yesterday afternoon's Press Conference in Chungking.

The Committee, under the chairmanship of Dr. H. H. Kung, Finance Minister, will have 15 members, five of which will form a Standing Committee.

Reuter learns that the first meeting of the Chinese Currency Stabilisation Board comprising three Chinese, one Briton and one American, was held in Chungking last Saturday.

At this time, important decisions were reached among which one was to dispatch members of the Board to Shanghai and Hong Kong to supervise and report on the Executive Board's decision.

It is understood that the British member, Mr. E. L. Hall Patch is going to Shanghai.—Reuter.

NIGHTMARE JOURNEY

The Acting Commonwealth Official War Correspondent, in a message from Alexandria, said that after experiencing days of incredible hardships and adventure, large bodies of the A.I.F. were arriving back in Egypt from Crete.

Many of them had to walk for 50 miles right across the island—a "nightmare journey" they described.

Crete was well justified, the men all agree. The German losses in men, morale, and material have been terrific.

Imperial casualties were unbelievably light in actual fighting, despite constant attack from the air. High officers estimate that for every Imperial casualty in the battle 15 to 20 Germans fell.

"We have exploded the parachute bogey," an officer remarked. "Literally thousands upon thousands of Germany's highest-trained and handpicked men are lying dead on the hillsides and in the gullies of Crete. The Imperial troops have never done better against more frightful odds."

"The men weared of the slaughter, but as fast as we killed them more Germans came out of the skies. It will take days, even weeks, finally to check who and how many got away, but, whatever the cost, it has been worth it."

"If we have been able to do this to the Germans with practically no air support, we'll lick them in a matter of weeks when things are even," said one Australian. "Anyhow, as it was, it was a great adventure."

One and all spoke of the Maoris and the slaughter they had inflicted. "When they gave their war cry it was blood-curdling," an Australian remarked. "Our fellows joined in, and we tore into them with mad yells."

There were no recriminations and no downhearted talk. Every man praised the regular British troops and the New Zealanders who had fought with them through the long days.

British, Australian, and New Zealand troops, fighting a fierce rearguard action with bodies of men numbering well into thousands, struggled right across the island to where the Navy awaited them. They left the coast at Suda Bay, climbed a range of mountains 6,000 feet high, and struggled on until they reached the coast. Every yard of the way they were bombed and machine-gunned. It was an incredible finale to an incredible 10-days' fighting.

"We beat them hands down on the ground, but they had us

COMPULSION OF WOMEN IF NECESSARY

Compulsory powers will, if necessary, be used in mobilising women for war work and the choice of occupations will be more restricted, said Mr. Ralph Asheton, Parliamentary Secretary to the Labour Ministry, in London yesterday, announcing a firmer policy regarding women for war work.

All women up to 30 years of age would be registered within the next four months and the older women would be required to come forward voluntarily to replace younger women transferred elsewhere.

He warned that if a woman who had registered was not already doing important work and did not join one of the women's services, she would be told that she must go into one of the limited number of occupations which included nursing, domestic work in hospital, work on aircraft, tank manufacture, semi-skilled engineering, land, army, service can, and ordnance factories.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIA'S NEW C. IN C.

Major-General Sir Ivan Mackay, newly appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Australian Home Forces, arrived in Singapore yesterday on his way to Australia.

Sir Ivan Mackay told Reuter that everything was well in the Middle East, conditions were improving, and the troops were ready for a new fight wherever it might be.—Reuter.

In the air, was a remark I heard a hundred times in the last few hours. I watched long trainloads draw into the siding from which the identical troops commenced their Odyssey into the desert less than six short months ago.

HEAVY RAID ON SYRACUSE

Aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm heavily attacked Syracuse in Sicily yesterday.

Flying at a low altitude, the British planes dropped a large number of bombs on the mole and started a number of fires which merged into one big sheet of flame three hundred feet high.—Reuter.

MEN OF 28 AND OVER EXEMPTED

President Roosevelt has signed the Bill exempting men over 28 years of age from military service, states Reuter from Washington.

CENSORSHIP CANARD

WHEN ASKED IF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT HAD APPROVED THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE NAVY AND ARMY CHIEFS FOR COMPULSORY CENSORSHIP OF ALL COMMUNICATIONS IN AND OUT OF AMERICA, THE PRESIDENT'S PRIVATE SECRETARY, MR. STEPHEN EARLY, DECLARED THAT PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT WAS NOT AWARE OF THE EXISTENCE OF ANY SUCH BILL.

Mr. Early added that the President could not imagine the source of such a report, except that it was the Wilhelmstrasse or some-one in America who thought more of Germany than he did of the United States.—Reuter.

VICEROY'S TOUR OF PRESIDENCIES

Lord Linlithgow, Viceroy of India, left Bombay yesterday for Simla thus concluding his three weeks' tour of Madras and Bombay Presidencies.

The purpose of this monsoon tour was to renew contacts and inspect the progress of the war effort in the Presidencies.—Reuter.

FIGHTING SPIRIT IN THE SOUTHERN STATES

(From A New York Correspondent)

WHILE THE MIDDLE WEST is still reluctant to accept the extreme consequences of America's support of democracy, here in the South I find interventionist feeling in the ascendant.

The heterogeneous elements which constitute the population of other parts of the country are here much more consolidated and unified, producing a Southern type imbued with a strong fighting spirit.

There is a more clear-cut attitude based on an intimate realization of what it would mean for the United States to be cut off from world markets and world supplies. New Orleans, a port through which pass so many essential raw materials which the United States does not produce, and where large interests are involved in cotton-growing and therefore dependent on export, knows what would be at stake if Axis world-domination became a reality.

Refreshing Boldness

As a Southern newspaper proprietor said to me, "This is the only part of the United States that has ever learned, by bitter experience, what it means to be a vanquished people. It is only natural that this section is more eager than any other to make certain that we shall never be on the losing side in any war."

Thus for the Southerner there can be no indecision, nor can he see any justification for waiting longer before throwing the full weight of the United States into the balance of war. Everywhere one meets with this refreshing boldness, expressing itself in deep impatience with what is called "Roosevelt's dilly-dallying."

As a typical reaction, let me quote the comment of the New Orleans "Times-Picayune" on the announcement of the new civilian defence programme, with Mr. Fiorello La Guardia as its director. "Let us now drop the scales from our eyes," says that newspaper. "Let us recognize that to all appearances it is possible that it will be the United States against a large and lawless segment of the world."

This is our call before the judgment-bar of Destiny. We can fight alone, or we can fight with the few allies that are still available to delay the onslaught threat-

ened against us. Behind every decision we make, every device of strategy we employ, should lie readiness to fall to at the crucial moment with these potential allies. If these decisions lead us on to war promptly or eventually, so be it."

How far a bold lead on the part of the President would find the country ready to follow becomes clearer the more one travels in the vastnesses of North America, for whatever may be the attitude regarding intervention, there is everywhere a spirit of the deepest and most resolute patriotism. In Washington there is still much muddled thinking. The fact that Senator Vandenberg's amendment to the Ship Seizure Bill, forbidding the direct transfer to Britain of requisitioned Axis ships, was defeated by only the narrow margin of forty-three to thirty-eight, shows that many legislators, while favouring help for Britain, are anxious to avoid offending Germany.

Disappointing Delay

However, most political observers agree that when Mr. Roosevelt decides to make a bid for yet greater American aid for Britain he will be able to count on practically a two-thirds majority.

The question of the most effective moment for a show of strength seems now to be Washington's greatest concern, and many contend that the President is deliberately keeping Hitler guessing. Nevertheless, those favouring energetic action cannot conceal their uneasiness at Mr. Roosevelt's delay.

Here in the South, where the Caribbean is close at hand, it is strongly felt that the United States should occupy Martinique and other French bases in the West Indies before they become stepping-stones for Nazi aggression against the Western Hemisphere.

NEW YORK ARMS EXPLOSION

Raging Fires In East River Wharf District

Pier, Freighter And Barges Go Up In Flames

EMPRESS BOUND FOR ADDIS ABABA

The Empress of Abyssinia is expected to arrive in Addis Ababa shortly to rejoin her husband, it was learned in London yesterday.

The Empress who had been living at the famous west of England resort—Bath—left England some time ago.

Travelling with her was her younger daughter, Princess Tsahai and a small suite.

Remaining at their Bath home is the elder daughter, Princess Tennaghe, together with her children and the youngest son of the Emperor who is at an English public school.

The departure of the Empress was kept an absolute secret and the news was only revealed in London yesterday.—Reuter.

16,000 MORE FOR FIRE SERVICES

The strength of the fire-fighting services will be increased by 16,000 men in the near future under the reorganisation which is being carried out by the Government.

Announcing this in a speech at High Wycombe, Mr. Herbert Morrison, Home Secretary and Minister of Home Security, said that the strength of the whole-time force would be increased, not merely by the additional 8,000 men already announced, but by a further 8,000 to be called up.

This would mean a growth of something like 20 per cent, involving an increase of £3,000,000 a year for pay alone. They had ordered and were now issuing nearly £1,000,000 worth of towing vehicles, large quantities of heavy pumps and other equipment.

£6,000,000 Expansion

In all, the expansion actually under way, apart from other great changes which the national reorganisation might bring, involved an additional expenditure of about £6,000,000, bringing the total annual cost of the fire-fighting services to about £27,000,000.

The greatest benefit which the new scheme would bring, the merging of 400 brigades into a few compact forces, with all that this implied in increased efficiency, would cost nothing.

Mr. Morrison said they wanted more part-time volunteers. Especially were they anxious to get back to the service the many men who had passed through it but left during the lull at the early part of the war and for various other reasons.

Every part-time fire fighter should know that there was need of him. His standing in the service was as great as ever, and prospects of promotion would increase for him just as they would for the whole-time fire fighters and the old professional firemen.

NUMEROUS EXPLOSIONS WHICH SHOOK LOWER MANHATTAN YESTERDAY WERE ACCOMPANIED BY A RAGING FIRE WHICH BROKE OUT AT THE EAST RIVER WHARF WHERE BRITISH SHIP WERE BEING LOADED WITH SUPPLIES FOR BRITAIN AND EGYPT, ACCORDING TO A REUTER MESSAGE FROM NEW YORK.

Observers said that the explosions apparently occurred in a number of heavily laden barges. Coast Guards and fire floats were sent hurriedly to the scene.

The fire which began with a series of explosions sending flames 125 feet into the air, engulfed the Cuba Mail Line Pier at Brooklyn, set an American freighter and several laden barges afloat and threatened to spread to a nearby pier used by British ships.

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A flaming barge cast adrift floated crazily down river while fire-floats threw tons of water on it.

Five Alarms

Five fire alarms were received at Brooklyn Fire Station from which firemen sped to keep the blaze from spreading to the pier where almost daily British ships load supplies.

Two people were killed and 55 injured—some feared fatally—in the fire.

Clouds of dense smoke swept the Wall Street district as the lunch hour crowds poured out from their offices.—Reuter.

MARY LAWSON KILLED IN RAID

AMONG THE VICTIMS OF A RECENT RAID ON LIVERPOOL WAS THE ACTRESS AND FILM STAR, MISS MARY LAWSON (MRS. F. W. L. C. BEAUMONT), WHO WITH HER FILM PRODUCER HUSBAND WERE KILLED WHEN THE HOUSE IN WHICH THEY WERE STAYING WAS DEMOLISHED BY A BOMB.

A native of Darlington, Miss Lawson, who was 30, began her stage career at the age of seven and later appeared on the variety and concert platform.

Her engagement to Fred Perry, the tennis star, was announced a few years ago, but this was subsequently broken off.

Her meteoric rise to fame was one of the romances of the stage. She entered the film world in 1933.

TOBRUK ACTIVITY

"There has been considerable bombing. British patrols are continuing their activities and steadily inflicting losses upon the enemy," says yesterday's Middle East communique, referring to the Tobruk area.—Reuter.

FIRM TONE ON STOCK EXCHANGE

The London Stock Exchange yesterday was generally firm with renewed investment demand, mainly for gilt-edged securities, home rails and leading industrial stocks out of the Government all-up of certain Canadian securities.

Among industries, Courtaulds and Breweries recorded useful gains while shipping stocks went further ahead.

Cape support was responsible for the rises among the speculative Kaffir favourites. South American rails continued firm but Japanese bonds tended to be easier.—Reuter.

LARGE-SCALE RAID ON SYRACUSE

CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE is believed to have been done to shipping at Syracuse by the Fleet Air Arm raid on Saturday night when fires lit up the whole harbour according to a R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

The communique states: "Aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm carried out a successful attack on the harbour at Syracuse during the night of August 16/17. Bombs were dropped from a low altitude on the central Mole and railway sidings starting several fires which finally became an intense blaze with flames rising to 300 feet.

"A number of violent explosions accompanied the fire which lit up the whole of the harbour area. Considerable damage must have been done to shipping.

"The same formation dropped a number of incendiary bombs on the barracks at Cap Passaro. These caused a heavy detonation followed by fire which was still visible from aircraft when about 70 miles away on their homeward journey.

Abyssinia Strafe

"Hurricane fighters, machine-gunned seaplanes, in the harbour of Syracuse on Sunday, destroyed one Cant Z500 and severely damaged a number of others.

Aircraft of the South African Air Force bombed and machine-gunned Wolchest and Debarech and obtained hits on forts, buildings and trenches. All aircraft returned safely from the above operations.—Reuter.

MR. CHURCHILL GETS CHEERFUL HOMECOMING

Mr. Winston Churchill and his party landed at a British port yesterday and drove through the streets in three cars. The Prime Minister was greeted with cheers and shouts of "best of luck."

Mr. Churchill, who looked very happy, smiled and waved his peaked cap in response to the enthusiastic greetings accorded him.—Reuter.

OFFICERS PUT ON RETIRED LIST

The former commander of the Iraqi Royal bodyguard and a number of army officers suspected of complicity in the Rashid Ali revolt have been placed on the retired list, according to a Baghdad telegram.

A military court has been set up to try the offenders who took part in the rising.—Reuter.

Protest In The Air

Nothing is known in London of the reports by the Lyons Radio of a protest by the Vichy Government regarding alleged attempts to take over French troops in Syria, writes Reuter's Diplomatic correspondent.

The Correspondent adds: "In any case the Syrian Armistice Terms provide that these men shall have the liberty of opting to join the Free French Forces."

Vichy has protested against the detention of General Denz but until Britain is satisfied that all British prisoners who were removed from Syria have been returned to British hands there is no likelihood of any change in the British attitude in regard to this matter.

A number of prisoners have already been returned from France but details are lacking as to how many are still being detained.—Reuter.

BRITISH FLAX SUPPLIES

Success Of Royal Experiment

A far larger acreage of flax in Great Britain than ever officially recorded before has been sown, and it is hoped that fully 39,000 acres will be harvested in England, Wales and Scotland, while the area in Northern Ireland is expected to approach 100,000 acres.

Yet only ten years ago no flax was being grown in Great Britain except on the Sandringham estate, where King George V insisted on carrying on experimental work.

By the end of the summer, when the crop is ready, seventeen processing factories, not counting those in Ulster, will be available to take the straw under contract at prices ranging from £6 to £11 a ton, according to six clearly defined grades.

Flax production after the last war, ceased because the high cost of hand pulling made competition with imported supplies impossible. But flax-pulling machines, though still capable of improvement, will do each from thirty to sixty times as much work as a man. Large numbers of them will be on hand from 12s. 6d. to £2 2s. 6d. according to the service required.

Pedigree Strains

Great improvement has also been achieved by the work of scientific plant breeders, mainly in Northern Ireland. Pedigree strains, now sown on the majority of farms, can be relied on to give half as much fibre again as common flax.

As the British demand for flax, even in peace time, would have required the produce of more than 300,000 acres, there seems good ground for hoping that this new farming industry may be established permanently.

R.A.A.F. EXPANSION

Twenty-three Australian Air Force Squadrons will be serving abroad by the middle of next year, announced the Minister for Air, Mr. McEwen, in Melbourne yesterday.

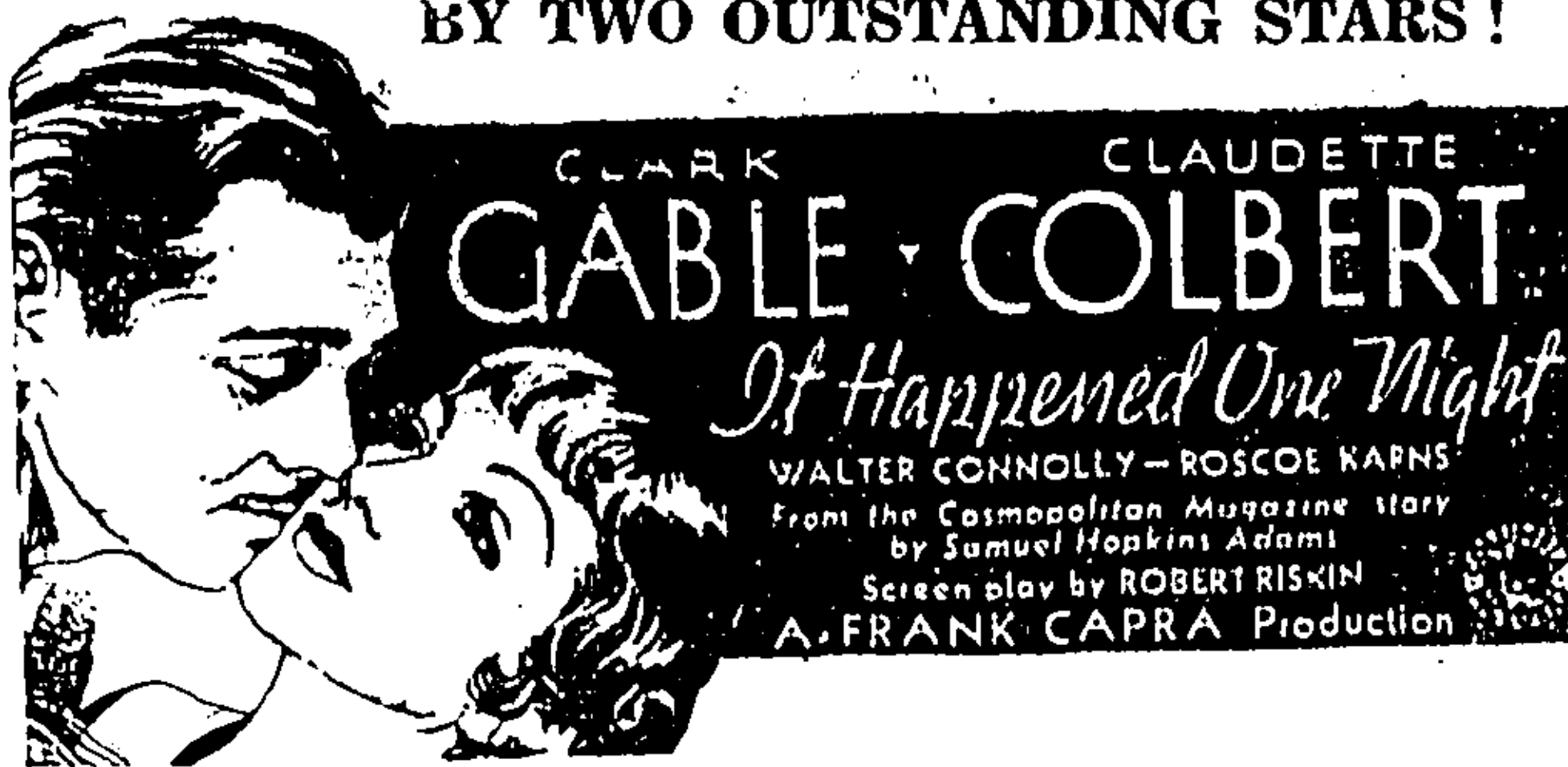
The personnel will be mostly supplied through the Empire Air Training Scheme and will be flying the most modern machines, he said.

Many personnel for additional squadrons are already serving with the Royal Air Force. They will be grouped with the incoming trainees.

The Minister for Aircraft Production, Mr. J. W. Leckie, after a record return flight in an Australian built Beaufort, said that the performance demonstrated the striking power of Australia's first line of defence.—Reuter.

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ROOSEVELT MEETS KEY MEN AT WHITE HOUSE TALK

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT yesterday summoned to the White House, key men in Congress connected with foreign affairs to give them a full account of the international situation.

Those who assembled in the President's study included the Vice-President Henry Wallace, Senators Barkley, Connally, George and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Mr. Sol Bloom.

They were expected in the turn to explain to President Roosevelt the latest developments in the legislative situation.

President Roosevelt gave his Congressional lieutenants a picture of the dramatic Churchill-Roosevelt talks and also discussed further Lease and Lend appropriation.

Senator Barkley, leaving after 90 minutes, told reporters that the meeting was "very interesting but confidential." He disclosed that the question of further Lease and Lend appropriation was discussed and the Japanese situation mentioned only casually.

CANADA GUARDS NEWFOUNDLAND

Canada has made "important commitments" for the defence of Newfoundland and its ports, Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King announced.

"The protection of Newfoundland waters has been included in the general scheme of defence of our eastern coast," the Prime Minister said in the course of an outline of steps being taken to meet the Nazi menace which he said was drawing ever closer to Canada. Newfoundland is a British crown colony separate from Canada.

"Unless Britain survives and the forces that seek to preserve freedom of the seas triumph in the battle of the Atlantic, an attempt at invasion of this North American Continent would follow as inevitably as night follows day."

In addition to the armed forces Canada has sent to Great Britain and placed upon the sea and in the air, the Dominion continued to garrison points in the West Indies and Newfoundland, Mr. King said.

"Canadian coast defences have been expanded in recent months and a number of new batteries brought into action."

"The strength of these defences has been substantially increased since the outbreak of war with the provision of armour and equipment."

"Important harbours have been made proof against torpedoes so that men of war and merchant vessels may lie at anchor in security during their brief periods of rest, refit and loading."

The number of Canadian soldiers, sailors, and airmen providing Newfoundland defences has been steadily augmented and these forces are working in close co-operation with the United States forces in conformity with plans of the Canada-United States Joint Defence Board.

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Reporting that confusion and congestion attend air traffic, a special House Committee recommended Congress assert Federal jurisdiction over the navigable air above the United States and establish an authority to control all traffic moving through it and "missiles projecting into it."

Point was given to the reference to missiles by a Committee observation that:

"There is multiple evidence of the lack of consideration for commercial aviation in the establishment by the Army and Navy of anti-aircraft and gun emplacements which fire projectiles up, into and through designated airways used by commercial airlines."

In addition, the Committee proposed legislation: Setting up minimum requirements for lighting of airports and other landing areas, to be enforced by the Civil Aeronautics Administrator.

Empowering the Administrator to detail 25 employees of the C.A.A. annual to training for professional duties at Government expense.

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Position Unaltered

President Roosevelt gave a complete outline of his talks with Mr. Churchill, said Senator Connally after the meeting.

He said: "I do not believe any commitments were made which would in any way alter our position towards the war."

Senator Connally expressed the opinion that further Lease and Lend appropriation would be about \$4,000,000,000 but declared "by far the greater part of the original \$7,000,000,000 has not yet been expended."—Reuter.

WAR PRISONERS BETTER OFF NOW

THE LOT OF THE 3,000,000 prisoners of war in all parts of Europe and Canada is far better as concerns health, morale and well-being than during the last war, according to Tracy Strong, General Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association World Committee for War Prisoners' Aid, who arrived in New York aboard the Dixie Clipper, of the Pan American Airways, after a four-month tour of prison camps in Great Britain, France, Germany and Switzerland.

Mr. Strong, who is to confer with Y.M.C.A. officials, reported that all countries were fulfilling the terms of the Geneva Convention prescribing standards for the treatment of war prisoners.

Lack of ill-feeling among prisoners, a fear of reprisals and an effort to protect the health of the prisoners were listed by Mr. Strong as reasons for the better treatment.

He reported that about 2,500,000 of the 3,000,000 war prisoners were in Germany, including 1,700,000 French, 130,000 Poles, 100,000 Belgians, 100,000 Serbs, 50,000 British and "a few" of other nationalities. He placed war prisoners in Occupied France at 100,000; in Britain at 10,000; in Canada 10,000; and in Switzerland 12,000 French and Polish internees who had laid down their arms. In addition, about 200,000 mostly Italians are in the process of being moved to Egypt and India, he added.

"There is surprisingly little hate against these men after their capture," Mr. Strong con-

tinued. "They are military men who have been doing their military duty."

A few instances of ill-treatment have been reported, he said, adding that similar treatment imposed on an equal number of enemy prisoners had cleared things up, "and it's best not to say any more about them."

Mr. Strong described the morale among the prisoners as high with the exception of the Belgians, who had expected to be able to return to their homes when their Government fell. In all camps, prisoners were permitted to worship according to their own faith, he reported, adding that many educational classes have been organized among the prisoners. Newspapers and magazines from home countries are not permitted in the camps, he said.

Mr. Strong said that virtually all war prisoners have been put to work, receiving about 20 cents a day. Food in the camps, he said, varies according to conditions in the country in which they are situated. The Red Cross has been sending in food parcels, he added.

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BOMB SHOCKED BABIES

London babies who have been bomb-shocked have reason to be grateful to the British War Relief Society of America for the work they are financing to bring back health and strength to numbers of little nerve sufferers. In an airy green-walled room in a London suburb, furnished with a trapeze, climbing-ropes and ladders, Estrid Dane gives 46 children courses of medical gymnastics two or three times a week.

Mrs. Dane, Danish-born but now a British subject, is expert at treating bomb-shocked children and also at preventing this nervous trouble. At first it may be a little alarming to watch her at work. She will pick up a naked four months' old baby by the heels, for instance, and swing her off the exercise couch into space; she will roll her about; hold her sprawling in mid-air.

Four-year-old Malcol'm Spencer, Mrs. Dane's oldest patient, was a nervous wreck after many bad raids. Mrs. Dane gave him a good rub down, put him on the bars, made him jump down a baby chute, and in a few days Malcol'm was putting on weight. Mrs. Dane is a disciple of Professor Neumann Neurode, of Berlin, who experimented on his own children.

CHILD WELFARE AND INDUSTRY

NOW THAT THE Minister of Labour is bringing women into industry mothers with young children under the age of five present a special problem.

Dr. Edith Summerskill, M.P., told a representative of "The Observer" that the Government should provide for these pre-school children throughout the country similar modern care to that made available in a number of "blitzed" areas.

There consideration is given to mothers with children under school age who have to remain at home to look after their husbands—in dockyards and other national work—but who want to send their children away from the cities.

The Ministry of Health provides for these children residential nursery schools in country houses under the care of trained women.

A Danger

"This is good, but there is danger," Dr. Summerskill said, "that an unsatisfactory alternative system may be used. This dates back to the bad old days of industry—namely, the farming out of the young children with so-called 'minders' at about one shilling per head.

"The 'minders' are women living in their own homes, with their ordinary household duties and cares to over-occupy them.

They have no special knowledge of how to look after young children.

"In those districts where the system of farming out young children with 'minders' exists to-day, the incidence of rickets is exceptionally high. The system, in fact, is as out-of-date as the old work-house.

"I am quite aware," Dr. Summerskill proceeded, "that there are many excellent women in the country who are capable of looking after children well, but these are not necessarily always the women who are ready to take on the extra responsibility of having a small child in their household. The register which will be compiled for the 'minder' system will be of women who are chiefly anxious to augment their income and who will be able to do this by having a child in the household.

"The women will not necessarily be well versed in what constitutes a balanced diet, or will they have a special knowledge of child welfare. In these modern days, when the State spends millions of pounds on child welfare services and on propaganda, in order to teach mothers the best methods of feeding and caring for their children, we should provide only the best care for children under five who are either evacuated from their parents or who are cared for outside their homes because their mothers are engaged in industry.

"There should be co-ordination between the Departments of Health, Education, and Labour, in order that these children should be cared for either in nursery centres, or creches, where they will be fed and looked after by experts.

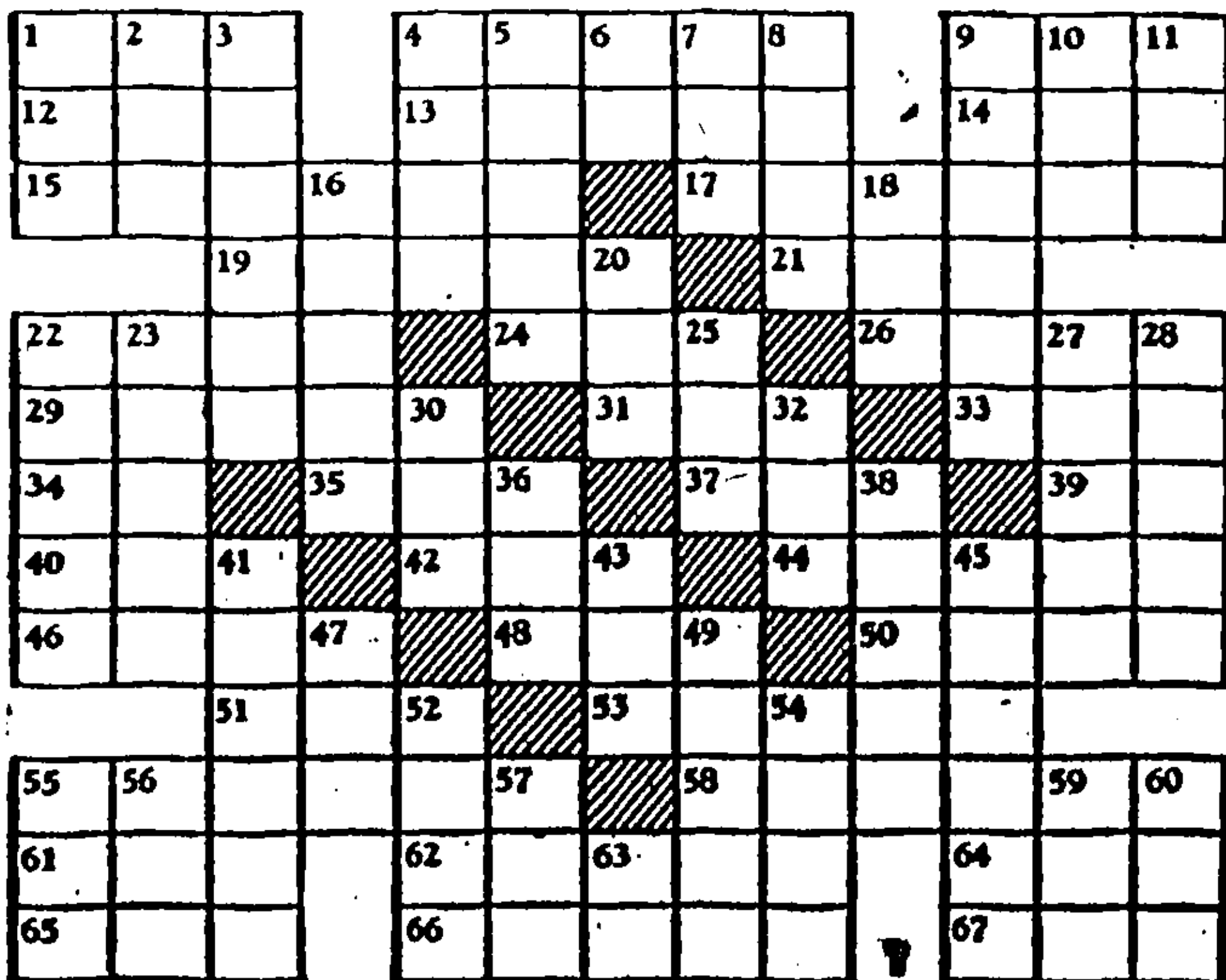
"The 'minder' system is out of date, and it is deplorable that it should have been revived in these modern days."

GERMANS SEEK U.S. OIL

Dr. Kurt Rieth, German minister in Austria during the unsuccessful Nazi "putsch" in 1934, has been in New York for two months trying to buy large American-owned petrol properties in Eastern Europe, especially a Hungarian subsidiary of the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, according to the "New York Herald Tribune."

Rieth, says the paper, arrived at Rio de Janeiro by air with orders to form special commissions to further Axis interests in Latin America and the United States, and to hinder by every means the application of the Lease and Lend Act.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL

- 1 Dry
- 4 To divert
- 9 Philistine savage
- 12 High priest
- 13 Profound sleep
- 14 Immediately
- 15 Gatekeeper
- 17 Snaky-haired sorceress
- 19 Dromedary
- 21 The sun
- 22 Colloquial: to solicit
- 24 Pronoun
- 26 Small, close room
- 29 To follow
- 31 Distorted
- 33 Fish eggs
- 34 Because
- 35 Insane
- 37 Knot in a fiber of cotton
- 39 Archaisms, article
- 40 To observe
- 42 To make lace
- 44 Weblike
- 46 English boys' school
- 48 Split pulse
- 50 Is ill
- 51 Support

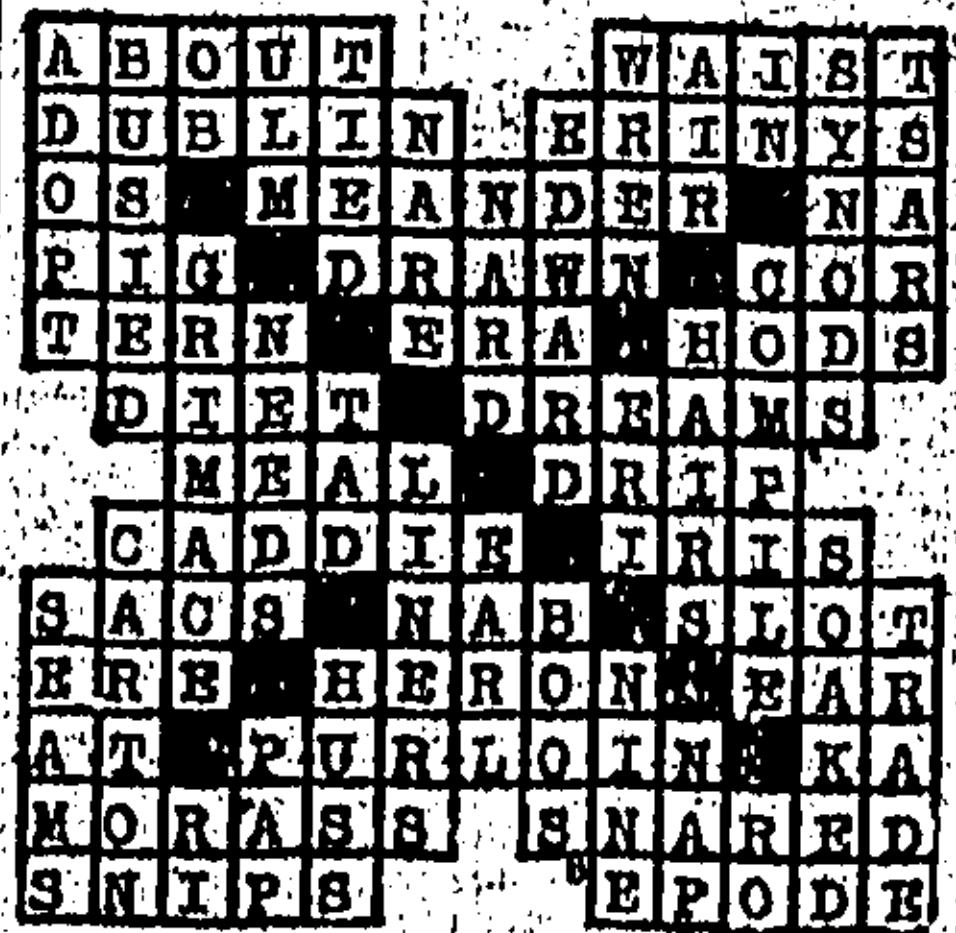
VERTICAL

- 1 To mend
- 2 High note
- 3 Circular, tent-enclosed arena
- 4 Ancient alloy
- 5 Medium of exchange

6 Above

- 7 To soak
- 8 God of love
- 9 Fisherman
- 10 Also
- 11 Beard, as of grain
- 16 Fact
- 18 Fabulous bird
- 20 Base
- 22 To annoy
- 23 Attack
- 25 Vase
- 27 Faithful
- 28 Looks slyly
- 30 To consume
- 32 However
- 36 Colloquial: father
- 38 Brisk (coll.)
- 41 Borne by the wind
- 43 Gamble
- 45 Small finch
- 47 Prefix: new
- 49 Pertaining to place
- 52 Happy
- 54 Kilt
- 55 Aged
- 56 Female ruff
- 57 Before
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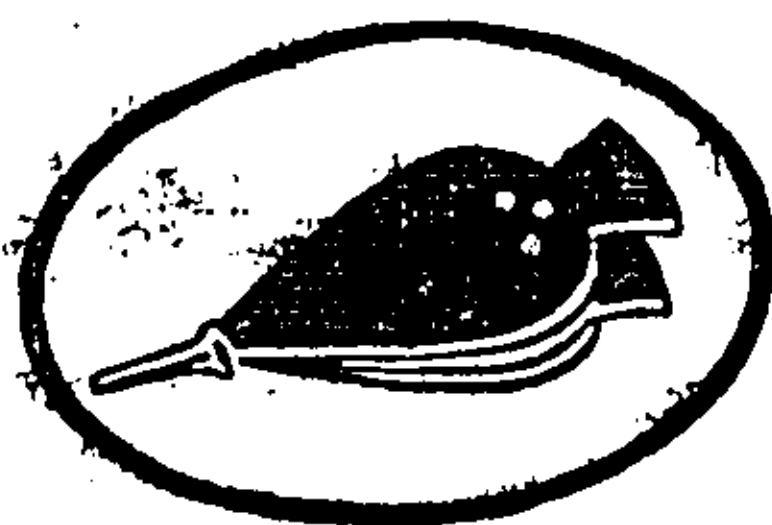
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"RED SUNDAY" IN LONDON

FIRE FIGHTERS SAVE CITY'S CENTRE

(From A Correspondent in London)

"RED SUNDAY" came to London on May 11 — a Sunday of death for hundreds and injuries for more hundreds; a Sunday of fire and high-explosive bombs, of shattered, burnt-out buildings, tremendous but short-lived confusion; a Sunday of broken water mains and flames flaring from cracked gas mains; a Sunday of disorganised traffic, hose-crowded streets in the affected areas; a Sunday of vile smoke-filled, gas-tainted air that irritated lungs and nostrils; a Sunday of frantic endeavour by London men and women to combat the evils that Nazi raiders had wrought from the air.

It needs the calmness of "a few days after" to draw a picture, however incomplete, of the scenes following such a "blitz."

That space of time, too, allows me to mention some of the places, hallowed in British traditions, that now stand or totter in ruin as memorials of German barbarism.

Let me begin with that beautiful corner of London, Westminster, better known to overseas visitors than any other area — a beautiful, dignified corner, with Parliament Square pulling the curtain aside, as it were, to let the visitor look at Houses of Parliament and Abbey.

The House of Commons, focus of democracy, where five days earlier I had heard Churchill defend his Government in vigorous, telling prose, is gutted. Its stone walls are chafed by fire, its roof is twisted wreckage below the level where the floor once rested. A cold hatred swept me as I walked through the gloomy, silent lobbies. Water dripped from the ceiling and pools of water lay on the stone-flagged floors. Around the corner was the entrance to the Chamber, partly blocked by debris and twisted girders.

"There," said my guide, as he tossed a piece of stone that was once part of the Press Gallery, "is where the Speaker's Chair was."

The stone struck a girder and disappeared into a pile of wreckage. A breeze, heavy with the odour of burnt things, stirred flakes of stone from the red-scarred walls. Once proud on-lookers when British statesmen were moulding the destiny of walls appeared to be weeping for the passing of their glory. Water-sodden carpets, scorched and cinder-covered, still showed between the rubbish of the division lobbies, extensively damaged. The members' lobby was open to the sky.

Big Ben Chimes On

Westminster Hall revealed patches of sky through the skeleton of its roof — "the most beautiful roof in the world," with its soaring arches and sweeping beams of oak. Luckiest of all the stone inhabitants of this hallowed corner was Big Ben, who chimed on, hour after hour, as though expressing the British determination to see it through, despite a crack on his skull from a bomb.

The Deanery of Westminster Abbey, one of the best examples of medieval houses in England, was destroyed, but the fabric of the Abbey itself suffered no irreparable damage, though it stood open to the sky. The roof over the lantern, the low square tower at the centre of the building, fell in. Beneath it, the platform and Coronation Chair was set when King George and Queen Elizabeth were crowned four years ago. It must have been one of their saddest experiences when yesterday they stood at the site, swept their eyes round the scene of wreckage, and no doubt recalled the pomp and ceremony of 1937.

All the boys and girls who play and sing "Orange and Lemon, the bells of St. Clement's," and all the men and women who sang that tune in their childhood, would have felt as I did when I saw the bells on this Red Sunday, 1941.

The bells had been removed from the spire after previous raid damage to the church of St. Clement Danes several months ago,

and had since been stored in the porch, with sandbag protection. That proved merely an oven when the fire-bombs set the church alight. There the bells were, encased in smouldering, smoking rubbish, with the grandfather bell the only one pressing a crest through the ruin of rubbish. I saw merely bits of the others. Their scorched, heat-cracked appearance made me think that the bells, robbed of resonance, will ring no more except in childish voices singing the old refrain.

The church itself, occupying an island site at the eastern end of the Strand in the open place that Australia House faces, is a blackened shell of four shrapnel-scarred walls. The spire still soars towards the heavens from which the fatal fire bombs descended. It was a "little bit of Australia" in London. Here were held the Anzac Day services for the Australian "colony."

Queen's Hall

Queen's Hall, home of the London Philharmonic Orchestra, the scene of Sir Henry Wood's great musical endeavours for 47 years, will not be besieged by concert-lovers for many a day, if ever again. Its roof has gone, its two galleries are ruined, its seating is burnt. A week earlier I had heard the orchestra play under the baton of Leslie Heward, who is to be the Australian Broadcasting Commission's celebrity guest conductor this year.

On the opposite side of Centre London, I walked past the Court of Criminal Justice. At the north-western corner, where Newgate Street joins Old Bailey the street that gives its world-famed name to the court there was a heap of huge blocks of masonry on the pavement. A high-explosive bomb blasted that corner of the building. Another breached the roof. It was the third time the court had been hit in raids. But it still stands, with the gilded, untouched figure of Justice with upraised sword still surmounting the dome, as if defying flame and blast to touch her, and threatening retribution for the destruction she mutely surveyed.

But there was more London air raid damage on this Red Sunday than to "cultural monuments." There was the wanton bombing and firing of homes, especially working-class houses and flats, which had gaps torn in them. There was destruction of warehouses and offices, with, in the former, valuable stocks of goods.

As late as Saturday midday, I looked along a commercial street where motor traffic and pedestrians had to progress with the slowness bespeaking normal life in an important London artery. Workers poured from warehouses, shops, and offices. Taxi-men footed, impatient at delays. Bus drivers pushed their cumbersome vehicles into crevices in packed traffic. Almost every building in the street was whole, except for boarded windows instead of glass in some of them.

I walked through the same street 24 hours later. It was filled with smoke for its entire length. More than half the buildings on either side were charred, blackened ruins. Floors and all they contained had collapsed into ugly smouldering heaps in basements or on ground floors.

BABY UNCLAIMED

Scotland Yard is trying to trace the parents of a seven-months-old baby boy which was taken into an East London hospital by a soldier during an air raid. The hospital authorities thought at the time that the baby's parents were among the casualties. When the casualties had been cleared the baby was left unclaimed.

Flames still spouted from several premises. Weary firemen were still wrestling with hoses to direct water to dangerous biases. Masonry and bricks covered each pavement, so that I had to mountaineer my way along the vale of destruction. Charred paper eddied in the breeze and settled into odd corners. Ashes and cinder fell or drifted on to ruined clothes and begrimed faces. Smoke filled and smarted the eyes. Girders slashed the roadway like human limbs in violent death, or formed grotesque tangles crowning smoking piles of rubble. Mortar dust, as fine as talc powder, drifted into throats and set up painful irritation.

Avenue Of Flame

It was not the only street like that. One runs diagonally to intersect the one I have described. The description could fit that one equally well. At intervals during that Sunday afternoon, I glanced from a window towards an incline lined with retail shops — not emporiums, but nevertheless important establishments. They formed an avenue of flame, with the firemen still pouring water upon what was left of them.

At half-past seven o'clock that evening, I stood on the roof of a tall building and counted 12 fires either smoking or flaming, within a ring with a radius of a quarter-mile. The worst at that period of London's Red Sunday was in a building about 200 yards from me. The flames licked upwards 200 feet and more. In the background loomed in silhouette a large official building, itself damaged by a high-explosive bomb.

In one street, only a building here and there had been ravaged by fire. The magnificent work of the firemen had stopped these from spreading. Through archways opening off one side of the street I saw a holocaust of smoking and fiery ruins in an area famed throughout the world for its legal associations and traditions.

Following Red Sunday, there was some criticism of the fire-watching system, especially in the area which included business premises closed for the week-end. Immediate rectification of slackness seems assured. But any criticism of that aspect of Red Sunday does not apply to the regular fire brigades and the Auxiliary Fire Services which fought for more than 24 hours without rest, without stopping, to stem the flames that threatened it may now be said, a considerable portion of crowded Central London.

Flame-Fighting Under Fire

Hats off to these men! You in Australia know how you admire your firemen when they spend three or four hours in combating flame. Then think of these London men who fought from midnight to midnight, and some of them long afterwards, to extinguish what was alight to save what was still unafired. Think of them doing that under a rain of incendiaries and high-explosives for several hours. Think of them, when they could hardly stand through weariness, still battling with kicking hoses, still climbing ladders to dizzying heights, still

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CHINA MAIL

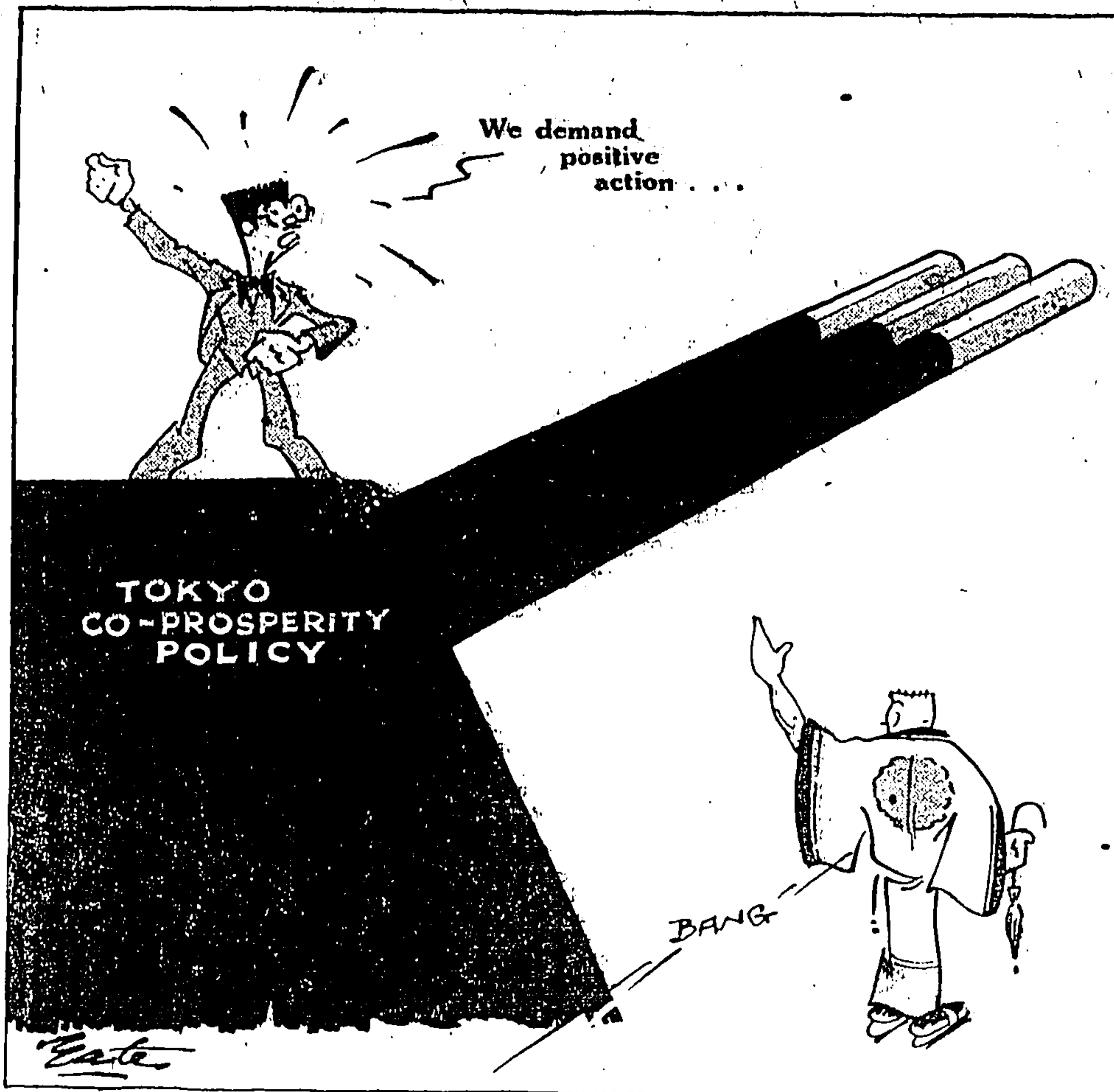
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ANNIVERSARY IN POLAND

The 150th anniversary of the adoption of the Polish Constitution, a Constitution born without bloodshed, out of the nation's free will, which gave the franchise to more classes of the population than in any other European country at that time, was celebrated recently. Poland then removed long-standing economic barriers between nobles and middle class, gave parliamentary representation to deputies from the cities, took the down-trodden peasantry under protection of the law and placed decisions on war and peace under parliamentary control. The new constitution declared all citizens to be "the defenders of national integrity and freedom" and the army "nothing but the defensive force derived from the general strength of the nation." At a time of world-wide political and religious persecution it declared: "Every man coming or returning to the state, as soon as he sets foot on Polish soil, becomes free." Hertzberg, Minister of the Prussian Frederick II, declared that its adoption was one of the great events of the century and predicted that it would have greater results even than the Revolution in France.

After a century and a half heart-breaking struggle against more powerful neighbours, Polish territory, twice before partitioned and occupied, is again in possession of the enemy. There could have been no celebration of the old free Constitution of 1791 in Warsaw this year. But Poland herself endures. Her Government, temporarily established in London, continues to function and Poles the world over give to it their staunch support. A Polish brigade formed a year ago and composed of men who made their way out through the deep snow of the Taurus Mountains is fighting the foe alongside the British in Egypt. New Polish battalions are forming on British soil and recruits from the motherland and Polish settlements abroad pour in to swell their ranks. Polish aviators are aiding in the defence of Britain and Polish sailors man Polish warcraft in the British fleet.

Poland lives on, waiting for her day of liberation and firm in the conviction that the day will come.



ASKING FOR IT

Between Two Wars

In the last year of the War of 1914-18 this country passed an act of faith—the Education Act, 1918—which was a land-mark in our educational history.

That Act declared it to be the duty of the Local Education Authorities—who, under the supervision of the Board of Education, are responsible for educational administration—to provide for the progressive development and comprehensive organisation of education in their areas "with a view to the establishment of a national system of public education available for all persons capable of profiting thereby."

Within the limits of this short article it is not possible to trace, even in outline, the history of the progress made since that date. I will therefore content myself with throwing a spotlight on some outstanding features of our educational advance.

Helping The Child

The Act of 1918 abolished half-time attendance at elementary schools, and exemptions before the end of the term in which the age of 14 is reached. This secured a very large increase in the number of senior children in the elementary schools and necessitated a fresh consideration of the appropriate schooling to give them.

As a result the modern elementary school is now very different from its predecessors. It is no longer simply a box of classrooms in which children are taught the bare elements of primary education. Space is now provided for proper organisation which enables children to be grouped in accordance with their ages, attainments and abilities.

In short, the school has become something more than a teaching shop. It is a place with space, airiness, light, playgrounds and, where possible, playing fields which offer an environment in which young children can enjoy a happy and healthy growth.

In addition, provision has been made on a widely extended scale for practical instruction in handicrafts, domestic subjects and gardening.

In 1936 an Act was passed raising the age for compulsory school attendance to 15. By the time war broke out a scheme for the proper organisation of separate senior schools for senior elementary school pupils was well on the way towards completion.

The raising of the age has, however, had to be suspended during the war. It is one of the advances which we shall hope to take in hand as soon as possible after victory has been achieved.

During the war of 1914-1918 a remarkable and unexpected impetus was given to the growth

of our secondary education. In spite of acute difficulties the average size of grant-earning schools rose by over 40 per cent. during that period and ever since there has been steady growth.

Whereas in 1914 the number of pupils in State-aided secondary schools was 187,200 the number in 1938 was 470,000 of whom some 365,000 or 77 per cent. had passed on from public elementary schools. With this increase in secondary education and the better organisation of secondary

By Herwald Ramsbotham,

President of The Board of Education

schools, a closer connection has been established between them and the Universities, as will be seen from the following figures.

Scholarships

In 1920, 2,800 pupils proceeded to a University from the grant-earning secondary schools. In 1938 the number had risen to 4,200.

This development owes much to the award of State scholarships granted to pupils in secondary schools and initiated in 1919. Starting with the award of 200 scholarships per annum the number has now been increased to 360.

Technical and commercial education in this country is largely pursued concurrently with employment, students taking their courses after working hours in the evenings. There is, indeed, a long tradition of evening class attendance. In normal times there are well over one million students in our evening classes.

This is not to say that there is not a measure of full-time technical and commercial education, both senior and junior. But the great mass of such education is, as I have said, a matter of part-time attendance.

It is not possible to show progress in terms of any striking increase in the number of students.

As far back as 1910 students enrolled in evening classes numbered over three-quarters of a million. But during the past 20 years there has been a steady development in the standard of provision made, and a number of up-to-date and well-equipped technical institutions have been brought into being.

It is a commonplace that bricks

and mortar alone do not make a good school, and that ultimately educational values depend on the teachers.

No doubt much of the advance that has been made since 1918 can be ascribed to the fact that since then the whole position of the teaching profession has been substantially raised. Admittedly prior to 1914 the remuneration of teachers was generally very low, but since 1918 recognised scales of salary have been agreed upon, and service has been made pensionable under a State scheme.

As I have said, but for the war compulsory education would have been extended to the age of 15, but our progress has inevitably been broken. It is, indeed, sometimes thought that our educational system has been thrown completely out of gear by war-time conditions.

Naturally the impact of war has necessitated improvisations and enforced irregularities, but in general the system has stood up to such difficulties remarkably well.

Notwithstanding the upsets due to the evacuation of schoolchildren from vulnerable to safer areas, and damage to school premises by enemy action, over 4,435,000 out of some 4,600,000 children in our elementary schools are still enrolled for full-time schooling, a further 119,000 are receiving part-time instruction, while only some 41,000 are, at the time of writing, without schooling altogether.

Plans For The Future

Teachers and the Local Education Authorities have responded magnificently to the difficult tasks which have faced them. There is no doubt, too, that those children who have been transferred from town to country have benefited very greatly both physically and mentally. Quite apart from the advantages of fresh air and country life, they are finding new interests and new outlooks.

Once again, in the middle of a struggle for life and death we are thinking of educational development for the post-war period. We shall want to do our best for the future generations.

The two main advances which I hope to see secured are the raising of the school leaving age to 15 and the introduction of compulsory Day Continuation Schools.

If this system can be introduced we shall be able to look after the training and physical welfare of all our young people. The result will be a nation alert and fit in mind and body ready to take up whatever tasks a free democracy may be called upon to shoulder in the years that lie ahead.

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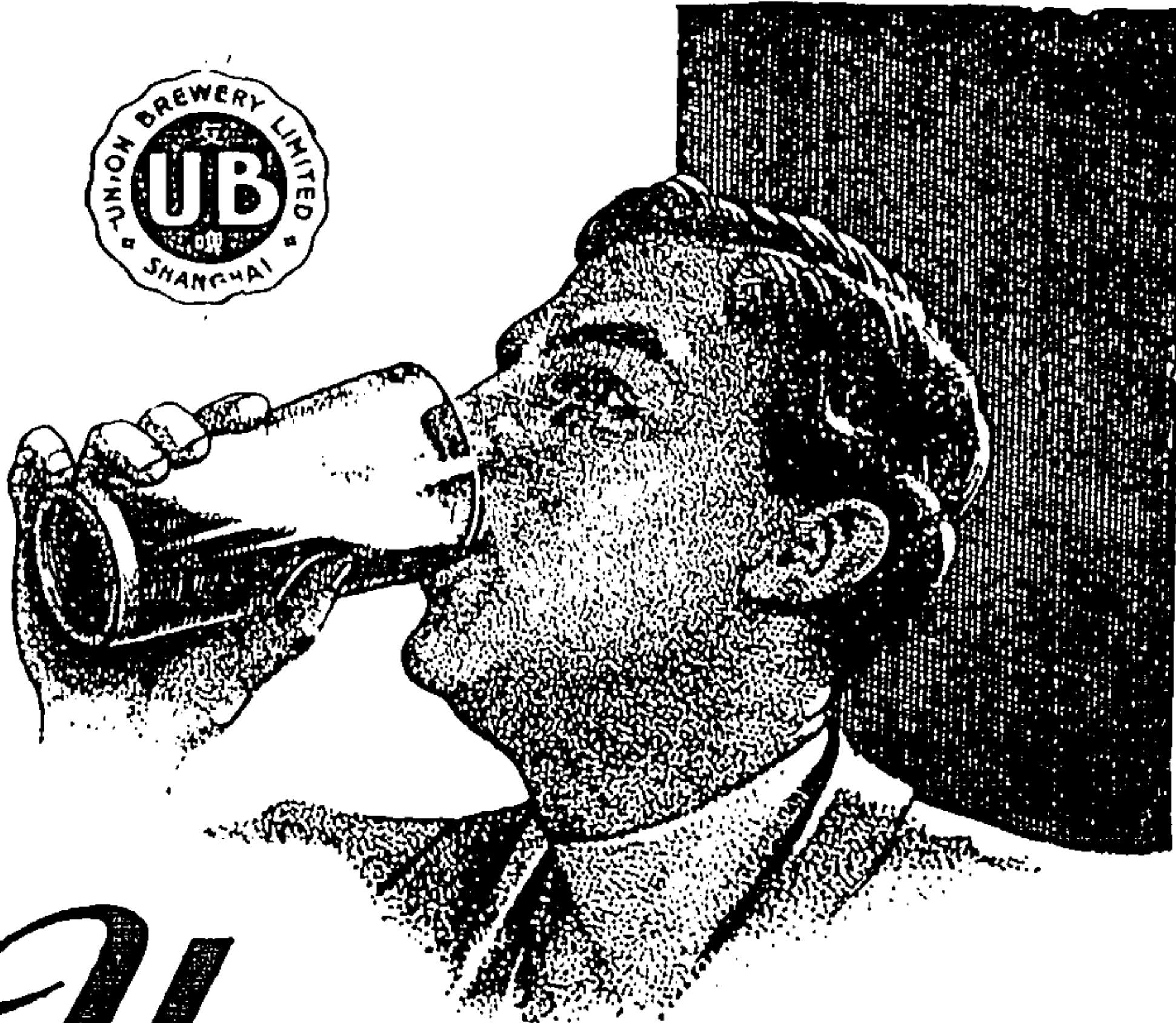
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SEVERE FIGHT BEFORE DAMASCUS SURRENDERED

(From A Special Correspondent)

THIS FAMOUS city of Damascus was all agog with excitement at the entry of the Allied troops on Saturday evening (June 21). Crowds gathered in the main streets and squares to gaze with interested curiosity at each new arrival.

There was a general air of satisfaction at the change-over, and much talk of the great benefit, both political and material, which it is hoped it will bring with it.

We have been waiting for you for months," two young Damascenes told me. Damascenes' thoughts run partly on the improvement of living conditions, which is expected from the raising of the blockade, and partly on political independence. Colonel Collet, the first Allied officer to reach the centre of the city, was greeted promptly by a delegation of the Syrian Government, which raised the question of independence. This is evidently a matter which will need careful handling.

The Vichy troops did not surrender Damascus without putting up a hard fight. Although they had begun to make preparations for evacuation four days ago, when the Indian brigade began its determined attack on the western suburbs, General de Verdillac was evidently reluctant to give way before a force which he believed to be inferior in numbers. He was probably ignorant that strong British reinforcements had been sent up. At all events his troops were posted strongly in the suburb of Mezze, which covers the Beirut road, and also held the foothills of the Anti-Lebanon, which overlook Damascus, and the tops of several of which are crowned with forts. Mezze and these heights had to be taken before the Allies could attempt to enter the city with impunity.

A Battery's Charge

The Indians fought their way with great gallantry across the aerodrome, which bears the name of Mezze, to the edge of the houses. Meanwhile, an Australian battalion worked its way along the heights at the left of the position in an attempt to storm the forts. An attack on the suburb did not make progress at first, as the troops were very tired with the fighting on previous days. The problem was eventually solved by the artillery in unorthodox style. A whole battery of eight 25-pounders charged in line across a piece of open ground and engaged the Vichy tanks and machine-gun posts at the edge of the houses at a range of less than 1,000 yards. The attack was highly successful. The village was plastered with shell fire, and the French began to give way. The attack was then pressed, two guns being pushed forward at a time to 500 yards' range, then two more, until the French could stand it no longer, and the infantry were able to drive them through the streets back on to the Beirut road, taking 200 prisoners, including two colonels.

Meanwhile the Australians were working forward patiently and skilfully along the heights, and had succeeded in wheeling the French out of the first two forts. The third one, Fort Gouraud, withstood their attack, but the Australians pushed one platoon forward right under its guns until it reached the Beirut road, where it established a block and captured a score of vehicles escaping from the town with some 80 more prisoners.

Counter-Attack

The Vichy French, however, would not admit themselves beaten and staged a counter-attack at night which developed in a most dangerous manner. Between 2 o'clock and 3 o'clock in the morning, they succeeded in retaking half the village of Mezze, and the Indians and British had an infernal dogfight in the dark from house to house and street to street before they readjusted the position. As I walked through the streets, smashed trees, shell-scattered houses, and barricades hastily erected from paving-stones, furniture, and overturned cars, showed how fierce the struggle had been. While this melee was going on down in the

streets of the village the Australians encamped round Fort Gouraud were surprised by the defenders, who, leaving the shelter of the fort, crept up to them in the dark. Fighting went on all through the early hours and before dawn the Australians launched a counter-attack which was successful in driving back the French and resulted in the capture of the fort. This was Vichy's last effort; they evacuated the remaining positions without further ado. Free French colonial infantry, advancing yesterday morning farther east, had little difficulty in entering the town, and the mayor came out with a white flag to meet them. This took place while the Australians were still chasing the Vichy rearguard along the Beirut road.

Shortly before this Colonel Collet's Circassians had broken their way in from the east through dense orchard country and were actually the first to reach the centre of the city.

MORAL DEPRESSION SAID PREVAILING IN GERMANY

"According to the correspondent of the 'Washington Times', American Consular representatives who arrived from Germany described the moral depression and disillusionment prevailing in Germany in connection with the failure of the blitzkrieg on U.S.S.R. They believe that the Nazi ring-leaders feel the necessity of some early and cheap victory in another direction to detract the attention of the population from failures on the Eastern front. Americans foretell, that with this purpose in view the Germans may attempt to occupy the Atlantic coast of Spain and Portugal and capture French ports and bases.

In connection with these plans the position of the Vichy Government acquires a great importance. The latest reports, the correspondent continues, show that the Germans are now endeavouring to provoke disturbances in unoccupied France—the same as they did some time ago in Rumania. The New Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Vichy Government is a Cagoulard. The French Legion of "Volunteers" formed for the struggle against U.S.S.R. is under the command of another Cagoulard, Deloncle, and this legion evidently is being deliberately detained in France as a nucleus for the formation of an army which would be able to overthrow Petain. It is stated, the correspondent concludes, that the support by the Germans of the politicians of the Deloncle variety resulted in a situation where even conservative elements intensified their resistance to the German demands. Tass.

WOODEN LEG FOR THE ARMY

Twelve per cent of all draftees accepted by local draft boards have been rejected by the U.S. Army for physical defects.

Recently an Army induction officer found a Chicago draftee with a glass eye. Growled the disgusted medic: "Some of these come in here with a wooden leg." Recently Negro James Brown, 27, appeared before the wary officer. Brown's draft board had given him a clean bill of health except for the notation: "Enlarged tonsils." Told to strip, he took his trousers off, revealed an artificial leg.

DOCTOR FINED

Dr. Henry Charles Hackney, aged 57, The Auberies, Blackmore, near Chelmsford, surrendered to his bail the other day at Chelmsford, before Mr. Justice Atkinson. Charged with communicating certain information which might be, directly or indirectly, useful to an enemy, he was fined £10.

HEATED SUITS FOR DIVERS

With new electrically heated diving suits, insulated with glass cloth, divers will be able to descend deeper into the sea, stay down longer, and still retain clearer heads than they could before.

Formerly, a diver was supplied with ordinary air, which consists of a mixture of oxygen and Nitrogen. To overcome the pressure of many feet of water above, this has to be considerably compressed. Under these conditions, nitrogen dissolves in the blood and enters the tissues. If he then ascends too rapidly, and the pressure is reduced, the nitrogen comes out of the blood, and forms bubbles in the veins and arteries, causing intense pain. This is called the "bends."

When First Tested

By using in place of air a mixture of oxygen and helium, once rare gas, now used for filling balloons and airships, the danger of the bends is greatly reduced, because of the lessened tendency of helium to dissolve in the blood and body tissues. Also it has been found that divers can maintain mental clarity over a longer period and at greater depths with the helium mixture.

When it was first tried, however, divers found that they were much more sensitive to cold than formerly, and this, of course, hampered their work. Then electrically heated suits with normally insulated wires in the underwear worn by the diver, were tried. This resulted in fire danger, for the insulation is highly inflammable with so much oxygen present.

The new suits are insulated with fibreglas, which is cloth woven of thin glass fibres, and is non-inflammable. The wires are insulated with glass, and they are sewn with glass thread between two layers of fibreglas cloth in the diver's underwear.

SUPERSTITIOUS THAT SOURD

Mrs. Willmore Trotter Jones, of Madison, Ga., has found and saved thousands four-leaf clovers. Nevertheless she has been in five automobile wrecks, has lost three husbands, and has suffered so many misfortunes that her neighbours call her "Calamity Jane."

Mrs. Neville Coleman, refused to eat at a table set for thirteen people. She waited until the rest were through, and then sat down alone. Halfway through the meal, she was stricken with a fatal heart attack.

Lightning struck the barn of John Ingram of Sheridan, Ark., destroying the structure and two mules. Putting faith in the old saw that lightning never strikes twice in the same place, Ingram rebuilt the barn in the same location. Four weeks later lightning again struck the barn, and destroyed it and the new mules.

STANDLEY URGES U.S. TO DESTROY U.-BOAT MENACE

(By James G. Simonds)

ADMIRAL WILLIAM H. STANDLEY, retired chief of naval operations, urged recently that the American government use the fleet to clear the Atlantic of German "pirate submarines and bombers" and to insure the delivery of war supplies to the British Isles.

Speaking at the opening of the "Victory in the Atlantic Week," sponsored by the Committee to Defend America, Admiral Standley said that the American Navy was sufficiently strong to protect American interests in the Pacific, and at the same time give the British fleet support needed to win the battle of the Atlantic.

Admiral Standley termed the British forces the advance guard of the United States, adding that the sea lanes to the British Isles were thus the supply lines to the American advance forces and must be kept open.

"To-day we have a situation in which a few hundred Germans in pirate submarines and bombers are trying to write our future history the way Hitler wants to read it," Admiral Standley said. "They have sunk one American ship and have warned us that they will sink all others which cross waters to bases which now fly the American flag."

See Only One Answer

There is only one answer which the United States can make to such threats, the Admiral said.

"Passive resistance is not the American way — we must clear the Atlantic of these pirates who serve the cause of human slavery and challenge our right to free use of the high seas," he declared. "We have a job to do, and in the American vernacular, what are we waiting for?"

Discussing the strategic position of the United States, Admiral Standley said American security rested on control of the sea approaches to the North American continent, and that if these approaches were controlled by hostile power, every vestige of American freedom would vanish. "Every action of the American people, individual as well as collective, will be directed and controlled by the hand of those hostile powers," the admiral continued.

The American Navy is not strong enough to protect the Atlantic and Pacific approaches to the United States at the present time without the cooperation of the British fleet, and so the United States would be "foolish to the point of insanity" to fail to do everything in its power to aid the British, he said.

Says Navy Is Ready In Pacific

"Our Navy is now ready and adequate to meet our essential defense needs in the Pacific and, at the same time, give the British enough support to win the Battle of the Atlantic," Admiral Standley said. "That is the crucial

battle of this war, in which the ultimate stake is not only Allied victory or Allied defeat, but also the national security of America. Even Hitler must recognize that we now have the power to win this battle, safeguard our hemisphere, and decide the outcome of the war."

The British fleet and the British bombers over Germany are actually operating as American advance forces, he continued, and operating from the British Isles, which actually constitute the advance base of the United States.

"If we fail to keep the enemy out of America by offensive action on the other side of our ocean, he will secure the bases he must have to dominate this ocean and carry the war to us," the Admiral said.

"If ever a country had a clean-cut issue before it, that country is the United States to-day. We have, as a nation, accepted and proclaimed the fact that our own safety depends upon the success of Britain and the defeat of Hitler in this war."

In closing, he again urged that the United States take immediate action to help Britain.

ITALIAN EXPERT KILLED IN RAID

Director - General of Mechanisation at the Italian War Office, Colonel Carlo Amione, has been killed in an air raid in North Africa, according to a Rome radio announcement.

Colonel Amione is described as a highly qualified technician who had rendered the highest services, particularly in the present war, in the development and extension of Italian army mechanisation.

It was stated that Colonel Amione was killed when R.A.F. raided Benghazi on that day.

LESS FISH AND CHIPS

Fish friers may have to close one or two nights a week and others may have to go out of business because of the shortage of fats for frying.

'THE CHIMNEY' STOPS SMOKING

Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, who was left out of the Cabinet's line-up when Prince Fumimaro Konoye formed his new government, has now denied himself one of his most constant companions.

An "Asahi" reporter, who visited Mr. Matsuoka at his home recently and discoursed with him at length (discourses with Mr. Matsuoka are almost without exception length), was most impressed by the fact that Mr. Matsuoka did not pause once to light up his pipe. Mr. Matsuoka explained that he had put away his pipe on August 1, for an indefinite period of abstention from tobacco.

The former Foreign Minister failed to indicate whether the resolution was connected with an appeal he had received from the Japan Anti-Smoking League, shortly after his return from Europe, asking him not a set a bad example by constantly appearing in public with a pipe in his hand, and bearing a nicotine-contented expression.

It will be recalled that Mr. Matsuoka was nicknamed by some "the chimney" because of his un-interrupted smoking.

Mr. Matsuoka said, "Tobacco was the very thing that kept me going in those busy days. I may have to fall back on my pipe again if such days should come again." Mr. Matsuoka declined to specify when asked if he meant that there was a possibility he may return to the Government.

DEMAND FOR "GLAMOUR" JEWELLERY

There is a boom in fashion jewellery. Women want it to replace valuables safely stored in bank vaults, writes Corisande.

A new industry for the manufacture of necklets, bracelets and so forth has been started in England. Quite a brisk little export trade is being built up.

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BRIDGE NOTES

OVERCOMING A BAD BREAK

By The Four Aces

Nobody really welcomes bad breaks, but one thing can be said for them: They show whether you have the right sort of stuff in you as no amount of good breaks would. We're moved to this sermonising by a hand sent in by Mr. Booker Linton, of St. Louis:

South, Dealer
North-South vulnerable

NORTH

♠ K J 7 6 3
♥ 10 4
♦ 9 7 4
♣ Q 6 3

WEST

♠ K Q J 5 3
♥ K Q 5 3 2
♦ 10 8 4

EAST

♠ Q 10 5
♥ 9 6 2
♦ 10 8 6
♣ K 9 5 2

SOUTH

♠ A 9 8 4 2
♥ A 8 7
♦ A J
♣ A J 7

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	2♥	Pass	Pass
Dbl.	3♥	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

"After winning the heart opening," writes Mr. Linton, who identifies South only as one of the players in his regular game, "South led the Ace of spades and discovered that he had a sure loser in trumps in addition to a loser in each of the red suits.

"Even if the club King lay under the Ace, there would still be a loser in the suit unless East could be forced to lead away from his King. So South led a heart back to West, won the diamond return, ruffed his last heart and put West in with a diamond. West led a third diamond, which South ruffed, and now the red suits were gone from South hands.

"South then led to dummy's King of spades and gave East his trump trick. East had to lead clubs, giving South his contract. Two club leads by West might have defeated the contract, but after all he was trying to protect his ten and his partner's holding in the suit."

Nevertheless, we think West should have led clubs; but we grant that for West to lead clubs as soon as he is given his first heart trick takes much imagination and confidence in South's ability to play the hand skillfully. In any case, South's ability to overcome the bad trump break demonstrated his skill as no number of lay-down hands could.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ Q J 5
♥ K J 7 3 2
♦ A Q 9
♣ 7 4

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	Maler	You
1♠	Dbl.	1♥	(?)

ANSWER: Double. The heart bid may be a "psychic" and you must show it up by taking prompt action. If it is a legitimate bid, you would be delighted to defend against one heart doubled.

Score 100% for double; 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 798

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Jacoby	Schenken	Maler	You
1♠	Dbl.	1♥	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	2♠	(?)

What do you bid? (Answer To-morrow.)

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FIRE FIGHTERS SAVE CITY'S CENTRE

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speeding through damaged streets, still hacking away at menacing obstructions. Doing all this when their eyes were rimmed with scarlet through smoke and fatigue, when they were soaked to the skin and their faces were caked with grime, when their lungs were filled with gas from broken mains and with smoke.

I was going to add, when they were hungry and thirsty. But wherever a motor vehicle could be taken to a fire-fighting centre, there a mobile canteen was taken. A mobile canteen operated by women as tired and brave as the firemen they served. A noble army of women did their best to see that firemen ate and drank.

The time has gone when London alone knew the horror of major air attacks. Liverpool had something like this Red Sunday for eight nights in succession. Plymouth suffered raids for five nights in a recent period of nine. Coventry, Manchester, Birmingham, Newcastle, Glasgow, Hull, Swansea, Cardiff—all these and others have known the horror of "blitzes," the full fury of the weapon with which Hitler hoped to blast his way to world conquest. But, though London and provincial cities are in the front together, London, focal point of national life, is different. When it is a question of "reprisal" raid, London is the target.

But London lives. Her people in a few areas did without water for a few days, without gas for a little longer, without telephones. They breathed air contaminated by smoke and escaping gas, so that it was a relief to go to districts unaffected by this raid. Much damage was done and many lives were lost.

But I saw enough of the "grim and gay" British temperament, as Mr. Churchill called it, to know that there are deep reserves of determination and resolute will to meet this danger from the skies.

A few days of discomfort, dust, and debris do not stop the rhythm of London life or the war effort.

FREE HUNGARY MOVEMENT

It is now confirmed that Tibor Eckhardt, the Hungarian Agrarian Leader, has been refused a visa to come to England, and is on his way to the United States.

Meanwhile, the Free Hungarian movement in Britain lacks unity. The Monarchists rally around Otto von Habsburg, whose London representative is his brother Archduke Robert.

The Liberals are followers of Count Be'len. They include those members of the Hungarian Legation who have resigned and decided to stay in Britain. The Progressive Democrats are led by Count Michael Karolyi, who now has his headquarters in London.

Fourthly, there is a "Legion Movement," a non-party group which seeks to organise a Hungarian legion on the side of the Allies. It is led by Count Lonyai, who was Military Governor of the Ukraine in the last war.

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WARNED AGAINST NAZIS

Sir Horace Rumbold, who was Ambassador at Berlin from 1928 to 1933, died recently at Pyt House, Hisbury, Wilts, aged seventy-two.

In a dispatch to Sir John Simon, then Foreign Minister, in April, 1933, Sir Horace warned the British Government of the menace of Nazism.

In the dispatch he wrote: "He: Hitler has now been Chancellor for nearly three months—the prospect is disquieting, as the only programme which the Government appear to possess may be described as the revival of militarism and the stamping out of pacifism."

"He (Hitler) declares that he is anxious that peace should be maintained for a ten-year period. What he probably means can be more accurately expressed by the formula: Germany needs peace until she has recovered such strength that no country can challenge her without serious and irksome preparations."

"I, therefore, feel that Germany's neighbours have reason to be vigilant, and that it may be necessary for them to determine their attitude towards coming developments in this country sooner than they may have contemplated."

NEGROES TO HAVE OWN AIR UNIT

The U.S. War Department announces that 10 young Negroes qualified as aviation cadets would begin training at Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Ala., as pilots for the 99th Pursuit Squadron.

The 99th will be the first tactical unit in the Army air forces composed of Negro soldiers.

Eventually 100 Negro aviation cadets will be in training annually to provide flyers for the 33-pilot squadron. The department said that an air base is being constructed at Tuskegee for the Negro squadron by a Negro architect and a Negro construction concern.

WHAT R.A.F. DID TO MANNHEIM

"A whole shoot of works" at Mannheim, the German industrial city of 200,000 people on the Rhine, have been wrecked and ruined by R.A.F. bombs, an American observer just back from Germany told me, writes Laurence Wilkinson to the "Daily Express" from Lisbon.

He added, "Any Englishman who could see what has been done there would feel that he had lost some of his grievances."

Among the major military objectives are the Lanzfabriken plant, where war machinery and tractors are made, and the Hanomagwerke motor factory which has taken a series of heavy blows in recent weeks.

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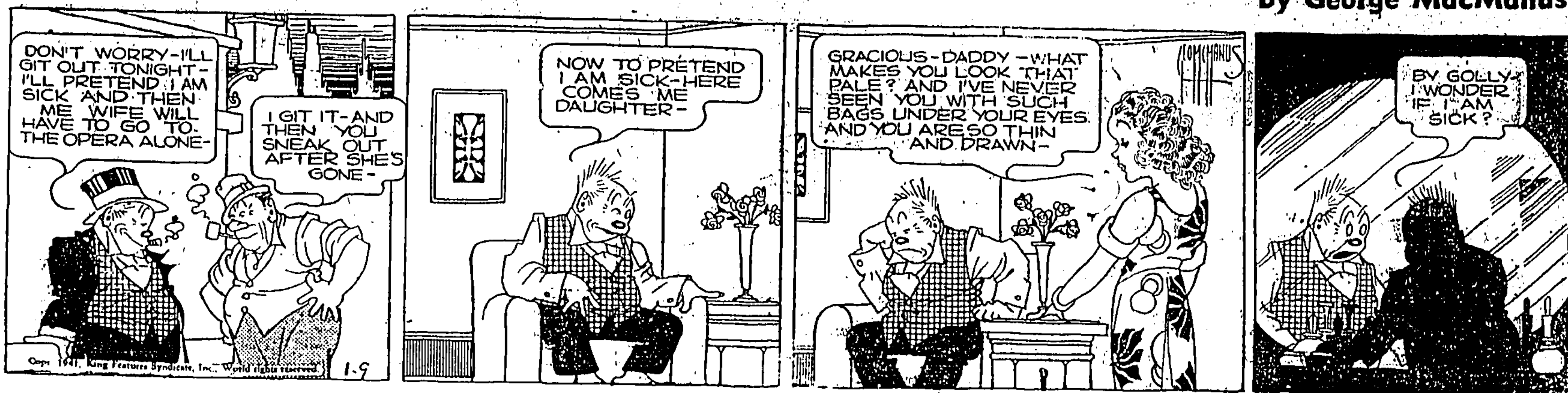
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Blame Overeating Habit

Statistics indicate that from ninety-five to ninety-eight per cent. of all overweight men and women have their lack of will-power only to blame for those cumbersome extra pounds. Only from three to five per cent. of the country's fatties actually suffer from a glandular disturbance which causes food to turn to fat. Overweight seems to be caused by nothing more or less than overeating!

Once a person gets into the habit of eating everything she desires at any time, it is most difficult to accept discipline. Scientific eating (a plan of menus and choice of foods to keep you fit and slim) demands that your meal hours be as regular as possible, that in-between sundae and other snacks be discontinued, that you concentrate on fresh, simply prepared foods, particularly fresh vegetables and fruits, that you deny yourself rich food, which do not keep you healthy but do add unnecessary pounds, and that you exert will-power to learn to like foods, which are good for you. Scientific eating wants you to have enough to eat, but it warns you against overeating.

Statistics also teach us that the lean man or woman lives longer and enjoys life more. Not the too thin person, but the lean man of normal weight and measurement and agility.

Inactivity is an invitation to eat more. That will surprise you, but it is true. Just think back on your last holiday. Didn't you have a ravenous appetite at meal time and didn't you think of taking a drink or a snack between meals? Yes, if you sit around with little to do it is very, very easy to make extra trips to the icebox and to think of all the good things you would like to eat. So Motto One—Keep busy between meals and do not think about food!

Why Fat People Are Not Healthy

The definitely overweight people are not healthy. Despite the amounts of food they consume the chances are they are not giving their bodies proper nutrition. Their appetites run to cream and sugar, luscious rich desserts, sauces and gravies, rich baked dishes, pastries, sundaes



The loveliest of young women is no more beautiful than the food she eats. A Zurich Room luncheon designed to supply an abundance of minerals and vitamins includes Apricot Solstice, combining twenty-one raw fruits and vegetables in a delicious plate.

and sodas, big portions of meats to your life and much, much and breads. Particularly hot happiness.

So why not begin to-day and MAKE YOURSELF FAT SENSIBLY. Begin by eating smaller servings for one week. The next week substitute simple foods for rich foods. The next week deny yourself extra snacks and drinks. By that time you will begin to feel better and it will be simple to introduce more of the essential vitamin and mineral nourishment into your menus such as whole grains, fresh vegetables and fruits, lean meats, fish dishes, simple fruit desserts and salads of many mixtures. In two months time you will be a happy beauty!

But such discipline is essential if you are going to turn over a new leaf and endeavour to refashion your figure, freshen your beauty, and be more alert for the good things there are in life. Whittling down those measurements is quite likely to add years

The Bride's Scrapbook

Keeping things clean rather than making them clean is one of the secrets of an orderly, well-run home.

A few minutes a day spent in washing window sills, window frames, skirting-boards and other dust-catching wooden surfaces with soap and water are worth hours of work crowded into a single day.

Don't connect gas appliances with rubber hose. The rubber deteriorates in a short time and becomes porous, allowing gas to escape and endangering lives and property.

Only iron piping with solid joints, or that officially approved, is safe to use for gas.

Dirty clotheslines and clothes-pegs leave smudgings on freshly washed clothes, so both should have periodic washings. Put them in the copper and let them boil for a few minutes, or scrub on a rubbingboard with a firm brush after

a preliminary soaking.

Always use a dry cloth to remove hot glass dishes from the oven. A damp cloth may cause the utensil to crack and also may burn your hands. And always soak hot glass dishes in warm water.

Upholstered furniture should be well vacuumed, and moth-preventives should be placed or sprayed under cushions and in crevices. Before storing things in cupboards see that the cupboards are thoroughly washed, cleaned and disinfected.

If you have vegetable stains on your fingers rub them off with cut potato. Wash well in cold water.

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RADIO

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—The Hill Billies in Variety. Vocal—Sweet Norah O'Neill; Memories of An Old Cow Hand... The Hill Billies with own novelty accomp.

Xylophone—The Mouse, The Piano And The Cat (Casson); Red Hearts (Simpson & Charrosin)... Jack Simpson with Orchestra.

Vocal—When That Harvest Moon Is Shining (G. Stevens)... The Hill Billies with own novelty accomp.

Vocal—Just A Crazy Song (Smith & Williams); This Is The Day Of Days (Dixon & Woods)... Eddie Peabody & Chorus with Piano.

Vocal—Yodelling Hobo (Ted & Ezra); The Sunset Trail (Kennedy & Carr)... The Hill Billies with own novelty accomp.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—Anton and The Paramount Theatre Orchestra with Al Bollington (Organ).

The Gold Diggers of 1937—Selection (Warren & others); A Day At The Races—Selection (Kaper & Jurmann)... Anton & The Paramount Theatre Orchestra.

Lionel Monckton Melodies—Intro: Soldiers in the Park; Chalk Farm to Camberwell Green; Fly Away Jack; A Simple Little String; When I Marry Amelia; Grandmamma; Brighton; Moonstruck; Arcady is ever young; It's The Drum; Come To The Ball; A Country Girl (Arr. Stanford Robinson)... Al Bollington.

Medley Of Paso-Dobles—Intro: A Spanish Gipsy Dance (Marquena); Castillana (Pana); The Girl From Madrid (Porschman); The Spirit of the Matador (Pana); Juanita (Fernandez); A Girl Like You (Ricardo)... Anton & The Paramount Theatre Orchestra with Al Bollington at the Organ.

Irving Berlin Memories—Intro: What'll I Do; Blue Skies; Always; How Deep Is The Ocean; Say It With Music; You Forgot to Remember; Say It Isn't So; The Song Is Ended... Al Bollington.

Wake Up And Live—Selection... Anton & The Paramount Theatre Orchestra with Al Bollington at the Organ.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections. "Words And Music"—Selection (Noel Coward)... The New Mayfair Orch.

Follow Through—Vocal Gems—Intro: Button Up Your Overcoat; My Lucky Star; I Want To Be Bad; You Wouldn't Fool Me, Would You?... Light Opera Company with Orchestra.

Musical Comedy Marches—Intro: Riff Song (Desert Song); The Mounties (Rose-Marie); Song Of The Drum (Song of the Drum); The Three Musketeers (The Three Musketeers); Tokay (Bitter Sweet); The Robbers' March (Chu Chin Chow); Love's Sentry (Madame Pompadour); Goodbye (The White Horse Inn)... Light Opera Company with Orchestra.

Anything Goes—Selection (Cole Porter)... Jack Hylton & his Orch.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—Dance Music.

Quick-Step—Roadhouse Revels; Slow Fox-Trot—Heaven Will Be Heavenily... Jack Hylton & his Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—Boogie Woogie Maxie; High Society... Bob Crosby & his Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—Nobody But My Baby; Candy Lips... Louis Armstrong's Original Washboard Beaters.

Tangos—Sierra Chica; Tango Mio... Juan Linas & his Tango Orch.

Slow Fox-Trot—Melody Maker (from film "Band Wagon"); Fox-Trot—The Only One Who's Difficult Is You ("Band Wagon")... Jack Hylton & his Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—West End Blues; If It's Good Then I Want It... Louis Armstrong & his Orchestra.

Waltzes—That Naughty Waltz; Missouri Waltz... Victor Young & his Orchestra.

7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—War Commentary.

8.25 p.m.—London Relay—"Listening Post". Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

8.32 p.m.—Studio—Saxophone Recital by Palapo.

1. Simple Confession (Francis Thome); 2. Sonata No. 3 (G. F. Handel); 3. Melodie (Tchaikovsky); 4. Valse Vanille (Rudy Wiedoeft).

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 p.m.—Arntzenius—"At The Court Of Frederick the Great". Musica Antiqua. Speakers: N. Dainton, C. Barrett, N. Angier, H. Sartori... Directed by Nicholas Rohl.

9.28 p.m.—Orchestra—Raymonde and Daria (Vocal). The Dancing Clock (Ewing); Poupée Valsante (Poldini)... Orchestra Raymonde.

La Elie, Aux Matelots (Diamant Berger & Reale); Tu Ne Sais Pas Almer—Waltz... Daria with Orch.

Gounod In Vienna (Arr. G. Walter)... Orchestra Raymonde.

9.45-10.00 a.m.—News in French (on Rhort Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Marcel Palotti at the Organ. La Danza (Rossini); Musica Proibita (Gaetanoni); Peramos—Dance of the Brides of Kashmir (Rubinstein); Sylvia Ballet—Fantasy (Delibes).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—"Fighter Pilot". A Radio Impression of one of the work of the R.A.F. Flying Training Command written and produced by Cecil McGivern.

10.45 p.m.—Military Band Concert with Raymond Newell (Baritone). Fanfares... Kneller Hall Musicians.

Follow Me—Omo—A Barrack-Room Ballad (Kipling & Ward-Higgs)... Raymond Newell with Orchestra.

PRESS IN EXILE PUSHES FIGHT ON HITLERISM

THIN SHEETS of paper, printed once a week in London in a variety of languages, are playing an important part in the struggle against Hitlerism.

Through these official gazettes and papers, the governments-in-exile now allied with Great Britain are knitting a war effort that reaches into every corner of the globe.

Gathered in exhibit at the Library of Congress, these Polish, Czechoslovakian, Netherlands, Norwegian, Free French, Belgian, and Luxembourgian publications are a graphic reminder of men's determination to regain and maintain their freedom, no matter if the battle must be fought far from home.

The papers fall into two classes. The first is the more formal official gazette in which the government-in-exile prints its decrees, registers formal protests against enemy actions, and which serves as a means of communication among its officials in all parts of the world. The second is the more homey newspaper, printed for exiles far from family and homes and dealing primarily in encouraging statements from Britain and native sources. The latter publication also reports on the activities of exile groups.

Paper For Soldiers

A good example of the latter type is the Polska Walczaka, published weekly in London for Polish soldiers abroad. In its Christmas issue, which was outstanding for beautiful woodcut-like illustrations on its front page, it contained holiday greetings from the President of the Republic, the Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces, and the Chairman of the National Council.

The woodcuts, reminiscent of the soldier's homeland and of the present stern duties before him, contrasted the star of Bethlehem and a flight of bombers, a Polish peasant playing his violin before a village church, and a Polish soldier on guard against the chalk cliffs of England.

Poland is the first to be represented by an Official Gazette, which was issued at Paris on September 25, 1939, containing the proclamations issued in Poland on September 17, 1939, transferring the seat of government to the territory of a friendly ally and the executive power to the Polish Ambassador in Rome. Other numbers exhibited show the Polish law collection as first issued in France on Oct. 31, 1939, and as last issued on April 30, 1940, as well as the final issue of the Polish Gazette in France, dated May 20, 1940.

The first number of the Polish Law Gazette printed in London is dated Jan. 21, 1941. Two issues of the weekly issued in London by the Polish Ministry of War for the Polish forces abroad also are shown.

Czechoslovakian Gazette

For Czechoslovakia, the first number of the Official Gazette-in-Exile is dated Paris, Jan. 1, 1940, and contains the agreement between the French Government and the Provisional Czechoslovak Government concerning the establishment of the Czechoslovak Army in France.

The origins of the Czechoslovak Government-in-Exile are exhibited in the official paper for the Czechs and Slovaks abroad first issued in Paris on April 28, 1939, some weeks after the invasion of Czechoslovakia. Under date of May 29, 1940, the final issue of the Official Gazette appeared in France. The next issue was printed at London on Dec. 4, 1940, the Government having been recognised as functioning in England by the British Government on July 21, 1940.

For Belgium, the first issue of the Official Gazette of the Government-in-Exile in France is for May 18-30, 1940, and contains the Cabinet decree announcing that the King, under the power of

The Old Frog Pond—Characteristic (Aldford); Parade of the Elephants—Characteristic (Chenette)... Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards, cond. by Capt. George Miller.

For England (H. J. Brandon & Alan Murray)... Raymond Newell with Instrumental Accomp.

11.15 p.m.—Close down.

the invader, was unable to reign. The first issue of the Belgian Gazette-in-Exile in England bears the date Nov. 22, 1940.

Norse Document

For the Netherlands, the Dutch Guiana Official Gazette of May 17, 1940, contains a telegram of the previous day from the Dutch Minister of Colonies to the authorities at Paramaribo announcing that the Netherlands Government was exercising from London its full authority over the unoccupied parts of the Kingdom. The first number of the Dutch Official Gazette to appear in London bears the date May 24, 1940.

For Norway, the first issue of the Law Gazette was printed in England on Aug. 15, 1940. This was a revision of the number issued in Norway on May 9, 1940, which contained the orders issued in April beginning with the invasion on April 9. Under date of Aug. 30, 1940, the Norwegian Department of Foreign Affairs began publication at London of a weekly for Norwegians in England.

For the Free French forces under the leadership of General de Gaulle in London, the publication of an Official Journal began on Jan. 20, 1941. French Equatorial Africa, organised on Sept. 1, 1940, as Free French Africa, by the representative of General de Gaulle, began issuing its Official Journal at Brazzaville on Sept. 15, 1940.

The latest of the exiled gazettes is represented by the of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, dated Feb. 15, 1941, containing decrees issued by the Grand Ducal Government-in-Exile at Montreal.

FELINE PLURALIST

I have just heard of a disgraceful case of pluralism in the Government service, writes a London correspondent.

It appears that a large black cat which frequented a Home Guard post not far from the Admiralty was adopted by the H.G. personnel manning the post. It was finally placed on the pay-roll, receiving an allowance of half a pint of milk daily from the platoon fund.

Then it was discovered that while in receipt of these emoluments from the War office the cat was also on the strength of the Royal Navy. It was, in fact, the official Admiralty cat, drawing pay and allowances for milk and cat's meat of 1s 6d a week.

The allowance used to be only 1s. Some time ago it was raised to meet the increased cost of living, though not without controversy.

Pepysian Precedent

One Admiralty official went so far as to minute that "in view of the need for national economy and the present situation in the fur trade, this type of destroyer should be put on the disposal list."

The Permanent Under-Secretary commented: "It may not be realized that the marking of this paper is in accordance with the directions of my first predecessor in office, Mr. Samuel Pepys, who said that not even a cat should swing in the Navy Office but he should know it."

The First Lord of the day finally decided in favour of the cat, with the note that "considerations of humanity preclude any further delay in coming to a decision in this matter."

The conduct of this feline pluralist is therefore without excuse. The scandal, however, is now at an end. The Home Guard post has been moved beyond the range of the cat's normal peregrinations. It now draws pay only from the Admiralty.

TENNIS CAPTAIN MAY TURN TO FOOTBALL

Training Presents Problem

Ho Wing-tsun, captain of South China Athletic Association's Second Division Tennis team, is seriously contemplating taking up soccer again this Winter, the only doubt at the moment being whether he will be able to spare the time for training.

When he was at Lingnan University, Canton, and later, when he went to the Philippines to study dentistry at the National University, he played a great deal of soccer and was captain of the Chinese Students' football team in the Philippines. He remembers particularly two tours to Manila, in both of which a series of three games were played, the Chinese students losing the first by 2 games to 1 and winning the second by the same margin.

Full-Back Position

Ho's position is at full-back and last year he took part in a number of miniature football games for Chinese Recreation Club. He avers that miniature football is even more strenuous than its "elder brother" in that it is a much faster game, and one which also calls for more accurate ball control.

At tennis Ho and his partner in the League, W. T. Lee, won the Kwangtung Province doubles championship some five years ago, but since has been much too occupied with his work to be able to devote the necessary time for competitions of this nature.

Hwa Yee captured Shanghai's "A" Division International Table Tennis Association League championship, when they outplayed Ching Yuen in the final play-off at the Russian Auxiliary Detachment S.M.P. hall by 13-9. The champions completed their League schedule with a clean record of seven straight wins, and were presented the Bakerit Cup at the conclusion of the match. Ching Yuen were the runners-up, and were given a cup donated by Mr. P. C. Yu, vice-president of the Association.



HO WING-TSUN

RECORD WEIGHT IN RING

The ring at the Carlton Stadium, Sydney, must have carried a world's record weight for any boxing contest, when Les McNabb, 10-year-old Lithgow boxer, weighed in at 21st 12lb, his opponent, Army champion Joe Dodds 14st 7lb, and the referee, Mr. J. Wallis, 15 stone, a total weight of 719lb.

It was the first time Mr. Wallis was ever dwarfed in a boxing ring.

There is no authentic record of an Australian boxer having equalled McNabb's weight. He is nine stone heavier than the heavyweight champion, Billy Britt, and four stone heavier than Tony Galento, biggest boxer to contest a world's championship in recent years.

The contest ended early in the second round, when McNabb knocked out Dodds.

McNabb, a son of a local hotelkeeper, is 19 years of age. He is under 6 feet, but is built on the most generous proportions.

Luke Appling, White Sox veteran, has a lifetime major league batting average of .316. But in his 12 years with the Chicago club he has hit only 24 home runs.

Dom DiMaggio, Boston Red Sox centre-fielder, was hit on the back of the head by a ball pitched by Stanceau, Yankees, in a recent match. DiMaggio received first aid and then left the field. Enos Slaughter, Cardinal outfielder, suffered a fractured collar-bone in the game against Pittsburgh Pirates and may be out of the game for the rest of the season.

Needle Tennis Match

A very important Second Division Lawn Tennis League game will be played this afternoon when South China meet Chinese Recreation Club at King's Park.

At present South China are leading by one point, which Chinese Recreation Club dropped unexpectedly to Army Tennis Club last week, and a win is therefore essential to Chinese Recreation Club as South China are not expected to drop any points in their last game, against Army Tennis Club, whom they play next week.

It is interesting to note that K. H. Ip, who beat Tsui Yan-pui in the Semi-Final of the singles championship of Chinese Recreation Club, will be playing for South China.

Following is to-day's Second Division programme and some of the teams.

S.C.A.A. v. C.R.C.
S.C.C.C. v. A.T.C.
K.T.G.C.A. v. K.C.C.
C.R.C.—D. C. Luk and L. F. Hon; S. W. Lung and K. T. Lai; H. N. Chau and C. Wei.
K.C.C.—F. Grose and N. A. E. Magray; Baker and A. Gillard; E. Zimmern and A. Zimmern.
S.C.C.C.—I. Agafuroff and J. A. Bendall; B. Agafuroff and W. J. Skinner; C. Sloan and M. Yatslin.
S.C.A.A.—Ho Wah-hing and Lee Wah-choi; Yip Kung-hung and Dew Chok-him; B. Szeto and Ho Wing-tsun.

CHINESE OUTBOXES CHAMPION

David Young, youthful Honolulu-born Chinese boxer, decisively beat the world flyweight champion, Little Dado, of Manila, in a 10-round non-titular bout in Honolulu on August 11.

Young completely outslugged his more experienced opponent, winning six of the 10 rounds.

The Chinese weighed in at 117 pounds, while Dado turned the scales at 116, so that both were well over the flyweight limit. United Press.

KOWLOON FOOTBALL CLUB ENJOY VERY SATISFACTORY YEAR

MEMBERS OF KOWLOON FOOTBALL CLUB WILL BE PRESENTED WITH A VERY SATISFACTORY REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET FOR THE SEASON 1940-1941 AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CLUB ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 29 AT 6 P.M.

SCHOOLS' AQUATIC HEATS

Heats for five events of the Inter-Schools Swimming sports under the auspices of the Victoria Recreation Club were swum yesterday. Heats for the other events will be held to-day, commencing at 7 p.m.

Following were the results of yesterday's heats:

SENIOR BOYS
100 Yards free-style:—Heat No. 1: 1. J. Gomes (La Salle) and Wm. Teo (St. Stephen's) (dead heat). Time: 65 secs. Heat No. 2: 1. Donald Young (St. Joseph's); 2. Andrew Fung (St. Joseph's); 3. G. Rosseter (D.B.S.). Time: 69-4/5 secs.

100 Yards breast-stroke:—Heat No. 1: 1. Kwong Chiu-shung (La Salle); 2. Lee Cheuk-lam (Nam Wah). Time: 85 secs. Heat No. 2: 1. Chan Koon-tan (St. Joseph's); 2. Kwong Yiu-wing (La Salle); 3. G. Wong (La Salle). Time: 86 secs.

100 Yards back-stroke:—Heat No. 1: 1. A. V. Lopes (La Salle); 2. Andrew Fung (St. Joseph's); 3. Ip Ting-yue (St. Stephen's). Time: 79-4/5 secs. Heat No. 2: 1. J. Gomes (Salle); 2. Boone Strong-loy (St. Stephen's). Time: 87-2/5 secs.

Diving 3-Metre Board:—1. Ng Shiu-hoo (St. Stephen's); 2. J. Anderson, Jr. (St. Joseph's).

JUNIOR BOYS
50 Yards free-style:—Heat No. 1: 1. K. Thomas (St. Stephen's); 2. W. Ribeiro (La Salle); 3. A. Marques (La Salle). Time: 33-2/5 secs. Heat No. 2: 1. Wong Peng-ku (St. Stephen's); 2. Chan Yen-twee (St. Stephen's). Time: 37-4/5 secs.

Other Sport
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The year's working showed an excess of income over expenditure amounting to \$3,157.26, while a Rebuilding Reserve, which by adding interest at 4 per cent. will amount to \$12,000 in 20 years as from June, 1937, has accumulated to \$1,711.25 as at 30th June, 1941. The cost of the Bowling Green has now been wiped out.

Gate receipts from football matches show a slight increase on the previous year.

The membership of the Club stands at 102, there being 21 new members during the year.

Mr. R. Hall, chairman of the Club, left the Colony on retirement during the year and Mr. B. D. Evans was elected to his place.

The football ground is reported to be in excellent condition and, in spite of continuous football and softball games, should be in a good state for the coming season.

The Club entered two teams in the Football League. The senior team started well but injuries caused a falling off in their League position at the end of the year. The Club met with more success in the Lawn Bowls League finishing as runners-up in Second Division.

SCHOOL FOOTBALL LEAGUE IS AGAIN BEING DISCUSSED

In spite of the fact that school sport in the Colony is practically at a standstill at the moment, due to the Summer holidays, enough interest has been aroused by the forthcoming inter-schools swimming gala, sponsored by Victoria Recreation Club, to inspire discussion regarding the desirability of resuscitating the now defunct Inter-Schools Football League, and other forms of organised sport.

This Schools' League (Senior and Junior divisions) proved very popular in the old days until frayed tempers, consequent upon exceptionally close competition for honours, marred the progress of a few matches, and it was then decided that the League be abandoned.

Given proper control of the games, however, there is no reason to doubt why a Schools' League cannot be run smoothly, though much depends on the boys themselves.

BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Two games were played yesterday in the Open Basketball League, Wah Kiu easily beating Trojans 64 points to 32, and Y.M.C.A. beating Victoria Recreation Club 51-46.

TABLE TO DATE

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
Chinese Y.M.C.A.	4	4	0	8
South China	3	3	0	6
Wah Kiu	3	3	0	6
Sing Tao	3	2	1	4
National University	3	2	1	4
Youths	3	2	1	4
Residents' Union	3	2	1	4
Black Cats	3	2	1	4
Indian Police	3	1	2	2
Bank Union	3	1	2	2
Yu Leung	4	1	3	2
V.R.C.	3	0	3	0
Trojans	4	0	4	0
Ping Ching	4	0	4	0

The soccer referees' class at Scandal Point Hall yesterday was exceptionally well attended by both the Services and Civilians. About 25 persons attended the lecture, which was given by Lieut. L. G. Crossby, R.A. and among the Civilians present were: Lau Ting-po, E. Lau, Monson Lim, Cheung Yau-sang, Tsang Sik-chin and Winson Yu.

There's another Cooney with baseball aspirations. Johnny Cooney, veteran outfielder of Boston Braves, has reason to be proud of his lanky son, Jack, who plays with Sarasota High School. Jack was one of the stars of the Florida interscholastic tournament.

Football Peace Now In Sight

If complete peace comes to end the football war of recent weeks, it will mean a busy week for officials, as, following a meeting yesterday, it was agreed that the Football League president, Mr. W. C. Cuff, and Mr. W. J. Cearn are to meet representatives of the London clubs, probably to discuss an alternative scheme, and English football is due to start eight days later.

There is no need to repeat how the trouble started, beyond the fact that the London club, objected, on grounds of lengthy travel, to the Football League arrangements and formed their own league among 11 clubs, together with five near London sides. The whole 16 thereupon surrendered membership of the League, according to that body, but an alternative scheme whereby Londoners took in other southern clubs brought about the peace moves.

Yesterday, Mr. George Allison, representing the London clubs, travelled to Derby to meet League representatives, and very friendly discussions of the difficulties took place. The president made certain proposals, including one to the effect that the suggested addition of the other clubs be operative only for the first half of the season.

In the second half the teams would be free to make their own arrangements when the first 10 matches will rank as the qualifying round for the League War Cup, for which all London clubs will be reinstated.

Adopting these proposals would mean the immediate restoration of the southern clubs to membership

BREAST-STROKE RECORD

In the course of a swimming meet at Marseilles, recently the French swimmer Nakache broke the world's record for the 200 Metres breast-stroke, covering the distance in 2 minutes 36.8/10 seconds.

The previous record was held by the American, J. Kasley, with a time of 2 minutes 37.2 seconds.

of the League, and would not interfere with the London War Cup already arranged.

In order that the matter can be placed before the London clubs in detail, Messrs. Cuff and Cearn have consented to meet the London representatives, when a more detailed explanation of the compromise proposals can be given. Reuter.

Major Louis Stubbendorf, winner of aquitation events in the Olympic Games of 1936, was killed in action on the Eastern front.

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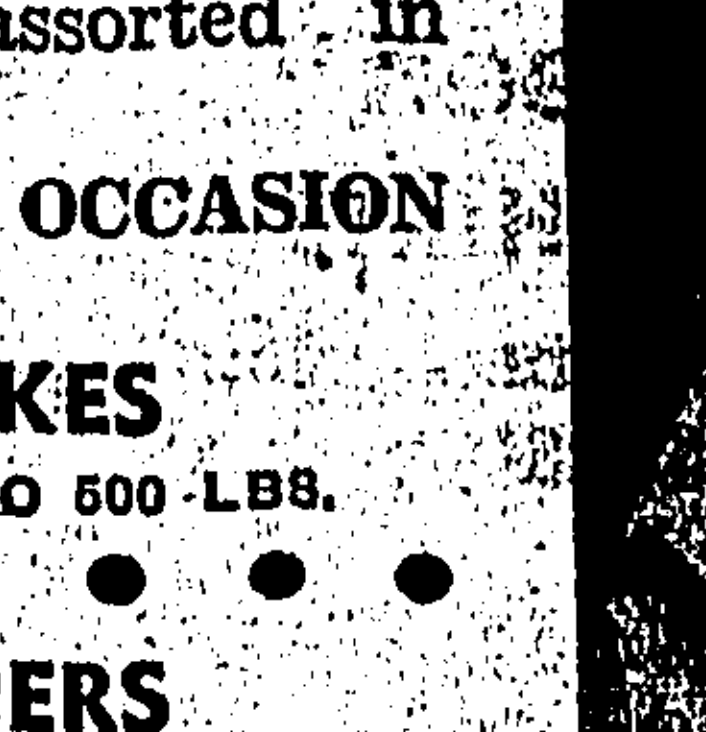
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A pair of artificial legs is expected to be dropped by parachute over Germany for Wing Commander Bader, the legless R.A.F. pilot who was recently taken prisoner by the Germans. It is expected that the enemy will cooperate by delivering the legs to Wing Commander Bader.—Reuter.

HAMPERING OF U.S. EXPORTS

AMERICAN BUSINESS MEN IN NORTH CHINA, SAYS REUTER'S TIENTSIN CORRESPONDENT, ARE VOLUNTEERING THE FULLEST INFORMATION REGARDING THEIR RESPECTIVE HOLDINGS OF SUCH THINGS AS FURS, BRISTLES, ETC. TO THE AMERICAN CONSULATES.

Consular officials are compiling this information for a double purpose, firstly, registration of the data, secondly in order to seek possible relief through Washington and perhaps lodge representations regarding goods dumped at various ports while in transit.

It is revealed that certain goods

Russians Again On Verge Of Collapse

THE DNIEPER RIVER WAS REACHED ON SUNDAY MORNING BY GERMAN INFANTRY UNITS WHO HAD MADE FORCED MARCHES, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL GERMAN NEWS AGENCY D.N.B., IN A STATEMENT ON RUSSIAN WAR DEVELOPMENTS.

No indication is, however, given of the location of the penetration. The claim states that the infantry had the support of tanks and artillery and that "small Soviet rearguards which attempted to hold them off were overwhelmed."

German guns are now stated to be preventing the withdrawal of Soviet troops.

The Nazi High Command spokesman in Berlin last night said that German troops from Krivoirog had reached the Dnieper 80 miles to the east and were advancing towards the great Soviet industrial city of Dnepropetrovsk.

These two announcements presumably refer to the same operation.

The spokesman added: "The Russians are tough in their resistance but one day they will be no longer able to resist the enormous German pressure. Already one can predict that despite their seemingly inexhaustible supplies

consigned to the United States have been lying in Kobe since May.—Reuter.

of men and materials, the will to victory of the German soldiers will bring final success for German arms."

Piling It Up

The official German news agency also reports that "the remnants of four Soviet infantry divisions were wiped out by a Nazi pincer movement in the Nikolaiev area yesterday."

The Soviet troops, it says, were trying to break through to a road in German hands. They made their last stand along a railway embankment which is said to have been piled with Russian dead.

THE REPORT MAKES NO MENTION OF ANY PRISONERS HAVING BEEN TAKEN, BUT AN HUNGARIAN CLAIM ISSUED LAST NIGHT REFERS TO SEVERAL THOUSAND PRISONERS AND CONSIDERABLE BOOTY FROM THE BATTLEGROUND OF NIKOLAIEV.

The Hungarian communique says: "Since the fighting on August 8, our troops have advanced between 120 and 150 miles along the River Bug to take part with the German forces in the Battle of Nikolaiev. Our motorcyclists caused heavy losses to an enemy superior in numbers, who fought fiercely while our cavalry checked all his attempts to break out."

Peipus Claim

According to a Stockholm message to the Italian News Agency quoted by Rome Radio, it is claimed that German troops advancing along both sides of the Lake Peipus on the Estonian frontier have joined forces in the north.

Russians in Estonia, it is stated, are thus cut off by the Germans in the 30-mile wide neck of land between Lake Peipus and the Baltic.—Reuter.

CHRISTMAS PARCELS FOR PRISONERS

THE PRIME MINISTER OF NEW ZEALAND, MR. PETER FRASER, YESTERDAY VISITED THE MAIN LONDON PACKING CENTRE OF FOOD PARCELS FOR BRITISH PRISONERS OF WAR AND SAW CHRISTMAS PARCELS BEING WRAPPED AND DISPATCHED.

Each one of the 72,000 parcels contain a pudding, a double ration of chocolate, chocolate biscuits and rye biscuits, jam, margarine, roast pork and stuffing, a tin of beefsteak and tomato, and a Christmas cake.

All are in special Christmas wrappings, and contain a greetings card from the British Red Cross.—Reuter.

FRENCH CONSUL RESIGNS

The French Consul at Santiago de Chile has resigned, stating that he could not represent a Government which is now under German domination.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

The Soviet midnight communique covering the fighting during the hours of daylight yesterday says: "Our troops continued fierce fighting with the enemy along the entire front. After stubborn fighting, our troops evacuated the town of Kingisepp (due east of Narva and southwest of Leningrad.)"

"During August 17, 22 German planes were brought down in air combats. We lost 18 planes."

"According to precise data now available, in the course of air combats on August 16, 25 German planes were brought down, not 19 as previously reported."

"In the Baltic Sea, our torpedo-boats sank a German submarine and two enemy transports."—Reuter.

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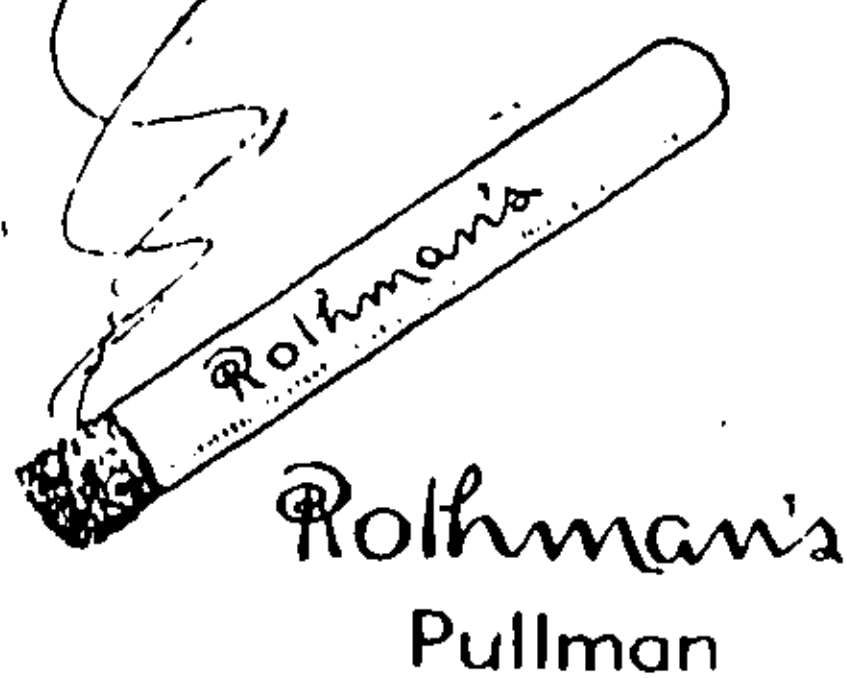
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TOKYO WISHFUL THINKING

Quoting a statement received from an official source, the Batavia radio denies the Domei statement that new trade talks between Japan and the Netherlands East Indies have been opened and that resumption or normal trade relations was expected within a week.

The announcer said that Japan was continually endeavouring to dispel the impression created by the democracies' action in freezing Japanese assets when Japan occupied Indo-China.

The Netherlands East Indies, according to an official source, considered the occupation of Indo-China by Japan as a direct threat to them, and it goes without saying that all exports which would constitute aid to Japan's war economy would not be in the interests of the Netherlands East Indies and will, therefore, not take place.—Reuter.

GENERAL GRASSETT'S OPINION

"WE ARE NOW EXTREMELY STRONG IN MALAYA. ANY ATTEMPT TO TAKE SINGAPORE WOULD BE A VERY HEAVY UNDERTAKING," DECLARED MAJOR-GENERAL A. E. GRASSETT, G.O.C. OF THE BRITISH FORCES IN CHINA FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS AND A HALF, IN AN INTERVIEW ON HIS ARRIVAL FROM HONG KONG, EN ROUTE TO LONDON, IN VICTORIA (BRITISH COLUMBIA) YESTERDAY. Major-General Grasset added: "It is my considered opinion that unless she becomes really desperate Japan will not be so rash as to fight Britain or the United States."—Reuter.

NOTICE TO QUIT

JAPANESE LIVING IN A LARGE DEFENCE AREA IN THE SOUTH-EAST CORNER OF JOHORE HAVE BEEN GIVEN NOTICE TO LEAVE WITHIN 14 DAYS.

IT IS BELIEVED THAT MORE THAN 50 PERSONS ARE CONCERNED. MOST OF THEM RUBBER ESTATE PROPRIETORS AND MINE OWNERS, SAYS A SINGAPORE MESSAGE FROM

Japanese War Of Nerves Against Thailand

(By Selby Walker, Reuter's Chief Correspondent in the Far East)

A FEELING OF TENSE EXPECTANCY CONTINUES TO PERVADE SINGAPORE IN VIEW OF THE MULTI-LINGUAL JAPANESE CAMPAIGN OF VILIFYING THE ALLEGED ANGLO - AMERICAN ENCIRCLEMENT OF JAPAN.

The Japanese are also playing up the reinforcement of Malaya as a direct threat to Thailand — apparently with the idea of opening the Thailand oyster the easiest way by persuading Thailand to appeal to Japan for "protection."

Tension is heightened by the stories told by British evacuees reaching Singapore which indicate that Indo-China is rapidly becoming an armed camp with heavy concentrations of forces on the Burma and Thai frontiers.

Another ominous portent was the broadcast announcement by an unnamed Japanese naval spokesman describing the situation as the "calm before the storm."

Malaya Ready

The man in the street, however, is heartened by the visible evidence of Malaya's preparedness and determination to defend this outpost of the Empire. This is exemplified by the presence, everywhere, of men of the fighting services from all over the Empire, including stalwart sun-burned Australians, turbaned Indians and men of famous English and Scottish regiments, as well as Malay soldiers. There is also the increasing feeling that the Thais will not timidly submit to aggression and will, if necessary, "make a fight of it."

Meanwhile, the Bangkok radio, commenting on British Ambassador Crosby's statement to Reuter, that the British Government has not presented any demands to Thailand, said that the Thais welcomed the declaration which confirmed the Thai communique to the same effect.

Premier To Broadcast

Mr. Winston Churchill will arrive in London this morning. The Prime Minister is expected to broadcast to the nation shortly and give more details of his historic meeting with President Roosevelt.

The broadcast will probably be on Sunday.—Reuter.

SAIGON DELIBERATIONS POSTPONED

The Three-Power Boundary Commission was due to start deliberations in Saigon yesterday but the meeting was postponed. It is thought that the discussions are likely to cover considerable ground.—Reuter.

Another Daylight Sweep

The Royal Air Force is believed to have made another daylight sweep across the Straits of Dover yesterday.

At one point of the south-east coast early yesterday afternoon, a considerable force of fighters and a number of bombers were seen to cross the coast travelling towards the sea.

One group, a big formation of fighters, broke away and made a wide sweep before following the other fighters out across the Straits.

There was a considerable amount of cloud but also spells of bright sunshine and a blue sky over the Channel and off the French coast.

Lille Target

Royal Air Force bombers, accompanied by a fighter escort, bombed an industrial target at Lille yesterday afternoon, it was learned in London.—Reuter.

COMMODITY EXCHANGES CLOSE

Commodity exchanges throughout Japan have decided to disband because of the international situation and increasing government control, says a Reuter message from Tokyo.

SWEPPER LOST

The Admiralty has announced that H.M. minesweeper "NR.89" has been sunk.—British Wireless.

CONVOY REACHES SAIGON

After 24 hours' delay due to the typhoon, the second detachment of Japanese troops reported to number slightly less than the first convoy, began disembarking at Saigon yesterday morning.

Material is momentarily taking preference and a considerable quantity of light steel girders were landed presumably destined for the construction of barracks at Cambodia, where accommodation is reported to be insufficient.

There is no sign of heavy artillery yet although it must pass through Saigon as sufficient cranes and wharf facilities are not available elsewhere.

"Inevitable"

A traveller, who recently arrived from Thailand, expressed the view to Reuter that war in the Far East was "inevitable."

The question was whether it would come in a matter of days through the Thais witting under the Japanese war of nerves and allowing passage of Japanese troops.

The question was also whether the Japanese would be content to wait until they had accumulated enough strength on the Thai-Indo-China frontier to accomplish their ends by military means.—Reuter.

"Defensive Zones"

"Two or three minor problems" remain to be settled regarding Japanese troops sent to Indo-China, according to Major-General Sumita, head of the Japanese military missions in Indo-China.

He stated yesterday that he will shortly discuss these problems, which include an allotment of defensive "zones" between Japanese and French troops, with Admiral Decoux, the Vichy Governor-General of French Indo-China.—Reuter.



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New German Thrust Aimed At Leningrad Developing

Kiev And Smolensk Damped Down

LATEST REPORTS reaching London indicate that a new German thrust is developing to the north of Lake Peipus from the Estonian frontier in the direction of Leningrad, is the comment of "Annalist" on the Russian military situation.

It is not yet possible to estimate the strength of the German push which may be part of a concerted movement with the Finns who are also showing activity around Kexholm.

There is comparative quiet around Smolensk and many reports speak of indications that the Germans are digging themselves in in this region. They have certainly desisted from the costly efforts to smash through which were the features of the first six weeks' fighting.

At Kiev, too, conditions are more or less static and the two arms of the great pincer movement have been stationary at Korosten in the north-west and Byelaya in the south-east. The weight of the German drive has been transferred to southern Ukraine but the armies of Marshal Budenny have not been cut off and are still clinging tenaciously to some positions in the bend of the Dnieper.

Venturesome

It is too early to say whether the Germans will try to exploit their successes here and try to force Dnieper with a view to threatening the Don coal basin. Any such movement, with large Russian forces still undefeated on the left flank of the advance, would be a venturesome proposition.

It is more likely that Hitler will fling his sorely tired troops against the central sectors in the hope that they will have been weakened by the despatch of help to Marshal Budenny.

But such speculation is pure guess-work as the High Command is not likely to broadcast its plans.—Reuter.

Another Tobruk?

There are indications that the Germans have resumed the thrust towards Leningrad in the Estonian sector, on the axis of the Tallin-Leningrad railway, north of Lake Peipus.

Withdrawal of the Russians is continuing in the Ukraine, west of the River Dnieper, and experts in London await news as to whether Marshal Budenny has been able to withdraw his forces across the Dnieper where a great deal of defensive work has been carried out and it should be possible to make a stand on a very strong line behind the half-mile wide river.

Odesa is still in Russian hands and there is still no indication whether they intend to use it—as suggested in some quarters—as another Tobruk.—British Wireless.

CHARGE DROPPED

CHAN TANG, 31, UNEMPLOYED, WAS DISCHARGED BY MR. H. G. SHELTON, K. C., AT THE CENTRAL MAGISTRACY THIS MORNING, THE POLICE OFFERING NO EVIDENCE AGAINST HIM IN CONNECTION WITH A CHARGE OF MURDER.

It was originally alleged that accused, together with others not in custody, murdered Chung Ngan, alias Chung Kwok-hing, at First Street on July 14.

Accused had been in custody since his arrest two days after the alleged incident.

Wasting No Time

Britain, the United States and Russia are wasting no time in carrying out the trade agreement recently signed between them.

Exports, on a very large scale, are expected to be made to Russia, chiefly in rubber, tin, wool, hide and jute while Russia will export to Britain and America hemp, platinum and glycerine. In order to cover any unfavourable trade balance, Russia will utilise the credit granted by Britain of £10,000,000.—Reuter.

EXEMPTED FROM INTEREST TAX

It is announced that the Governor in Council has granted exemption from Interest Tax on interest payable by the following companies on Consumers' Deposits held by them:—

The Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd.
The Hong Kong Telephone Co., Ltd.
The China Light and Power Co., Ltd.
The Hong Kong and China Gas Co., Ltd.

ATTEMPT ON WANG REPORTED

According to the "Sing Tao Jih Pao" quoting a special despatch from Shanghai, an attempt to assassinate Wang Ching-wei at his private residence in Nanking was made by six armed men on Saturday night.

Wang was not hit, but two of his body-guard were killed and one seriously wounded, it is reported.

VICEROY'S TOUR OF PRESIDENCIES

Lord Linlithgow, Viceroy of India, left Bombay yesterday for Simla thus concluding his three weeks' tour of Madras and Bombay Presidencies.

The purpose of this monsoon tour was to renew contacts and inspect the progress of the war effort in the Presidencies.—Reuter.

CHEQUE FOUND

A China State Bank cheque for \$150 was found in Connaught Road Central yesterday afternoon. The owner may claim it at the Water Police Station.

CHINA CURRENCY DECISIONS

The establishment of an Operating Committee to carry out the decision of the Chinese Currency Stabilisation Board was announced by the Chinese Government spokesman at yesterday afternoon's Press Conference in Chungking.

The Committee, under the chairmanship of Dr. H. H. Kung, Finance Minister, will have 15 members, five of which will form a Standing Committee.

Reuter learns that the first meeting of the Chinese Currency Stabilisation Board comprising three Chinese, one Briton and one American, was held in Chungking last Saturday.

At this time, important decisions were reached among which one was to dispatch members of the Board to Shanghai and Hong Kong to supervise and report on the Executive Board's decision.

It is understood that the British member, Mr. E. L. Hall Patch is going to Shanghai.—Reuter.

COMPULSION OF WOMEN IF NECESSARY

Compulsory powers will, if necessary, be used in mobilising women for war work and the choice of occupations will be more restricted, said Mr. Ralph Asheton, Parliamentary Secretary to the Labour Ministry, in London yesterday, announcing a firmer policy regarding women for war work.

All women up to 30 years of age would be registered within the next four months and the older women would be required to come forward voluntarily to replace younger women transferred elsewhere.

He warned that if a woman who had registered was not already doing important work and did not join one of the women's services, she would be told that she must go into one of the limited number of occupations which included nursing, domestic work in hospital, work on aircraft, tank manufacture, semi-skilled engineering, land, army, service canteens and ordnance factories.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIA'S NEW C. IN C.

Major-General Sir Ivan Mackay, newly appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Australian Home Forces, arrived in Singapore yesterday on his way to Australia.

Sir Ivan Mackay told Reuter that everything was well in the Middle East, conditions were improving and the troops were ready for a new fight wherever it might be.—Reuter.

MEN OF 28 AND OVER EXEMPTED

President Roosevelt has signed the Bill exempting men over 28 years of age from military service, states Reuter from Washington.

HEAVY RAID ON SYRACUSE

Aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm heavily attacked Syracuse in Sicily yesterday.

Flying at a low altitude, the British planes dropped a large number of bombs on the mole and started a number of fires which merged into one big sheet of flame three hundred feet high.—Reuter.

CENSORSHIP CANARD

WHEN ASKED IF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT HAD APPROVED THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE NAVY AND ARMY CHIEFS FOR COMPULSORY CENSORSHIP OF ALL COMMUNICATIONS IN AND OUT OF AMERICA, THE PRESIDENT'S PRIVATE SECRETARY, MR. STEPHEN EARLY DECLARED THAT PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT WAS NOT AWARE OF THE EXISTENCE OF ANY SUCH BILL.

Mr. Early added that the President could not imagine the source of such a report, except that it was the Wilhelmstrasse or some one in America who thought more of Germany than he did of the United States.—Reuter.

GERMAN CAPTURE OF NIKOLAIEV A SUCCESS

(By Reuter's Military Commentator)

THE SITUATION in Russia has changed slightly to the advantage of the Germans and the occupation of Nikolaiev on the estuary of the River Bug can be claimed as a success.

Nevertheless, it is only a local one. They have gained nothing decisive, and without complete knowledge of the facts, it is not possible to say how it was that the Germans were able to bring superior forces to bear on the southern end of Marshal Budenny's line, for we have had sufficient evidence now to feel sure that without superior numbers on this local battlefield, the Germans could not have driven back the Russians as far as they have.

It looks, however, as if the Nazis on the left of Runstedt's army in the direction of Kiev have been firmly held and their attacks repulsed. The Germans seem to be equally held on the road to Moscow and Leningrad.

The Russians' strategy is probably governed by such questions as: the numbers of their divisions in reserve which are still fresh? Are they fully equipped? Or must they wait a while before they can be provided with full equipment necessary for battle? How long will it take to concentrate them at certain points and bring them forward to launch the great counter-attacks which must be delivered and be successful before the Germans can be driven from the soil of Russia?

"Prudence"

These questions should decide how long the Russian Command is prepared to fight delaying actions and battles of exhaustion before it is considered that the moment has arrived for the assumption of the offensive.

The idea of strategy in many countries, with the exception of Germany, has been vitiated by the cult of the defensive, of timidity, often concealed under that more imposing word, prudence.

Far too much stress has been laid on the value of fortified lines of defence and of natural obstacles, while the real defence of a country is never sufficiently recognised or stressed. That real defence lies in the men and their leaders.

"It is men, not walls, who are the defence of a city," said the Romans of old.

Gaining Time

Marshal Budenny's strategy, and indeed that of the whole Rus-

sian army, is probably dictated not by defence of obstacles, natural or artificial, when full use may be made of such, but by the necessity of gaining time and the importance of wearing out the Germans.

If such are the principles underlying the strategic conceptions of the Russian Command, Marshal Budenny is not likely to be falling back to the line of the Dnieper because it is the next obstacle to defend, but because he is not yet ready to deliver the counter-attack which will drive back and destroy his enemy.

No Date Fixed

The counter-attack of the scale necessary to achieve that much to be desired object, may not be ready for some weeks, perhaps some months, or quite possibly not until after the Germans had been exposed to all the rigours of a winter campaign in Russia, while Europe is rising in revolt behind them.

We cannot at present fix the date for such a stroke but it may be taken for granted that such is being contemplated and prepared.

Meanwhile, the Japanese seem to be on the threshold of war in spite of the immense dangers which threaten them.

The Russians in Siberia are not likely to take up a defensive attitude if the Japanese challenge them to combat.

In the centre the Chinese may well be able to launch several offensive strokes against the reduced Japanese forces in their front, while on the other wing of the south the forces of the British Empire are gathering.—Reuter.

NEW YORK ARMS EXPLOSION

Raging Fires In East River Wharf District

Pier, Freighter And Barges Go Up In Flames

EMPRESS BOUND FOR ADDIS ABABA

The Empress of Abyssinia is expected to arrive in Addis Ababa shortly to rejoin her husband, it was learned in London yesterday.

The Empress who had been living at the famous west of England resort—Bath—left England some time ago.

Travelling with her was her younger daughter, Princess Tsahai and a small suite.

Remaining at their Bath home is the elder daughter, Princess Tenagne, together with her children and the youngest son of the Emperor who is at an English public school.

The departure of the Empress was kept an absolute secret and the news was only revealed in London yesterday.—Reuter.

16,000 MORE FOR FIRE SERVICES

The strength of the fire-fighting services will be increased by 16,000 men in the near future under the reorganisation which is being carried out by the Government.

Announcing this in a speech at High Wycombe, Mr. Herbert Morrison, Home Secretary and Minister of Home Security, said that the strength of the whole-time force would be increased, not merely by the additional 8,000 men already announced, but by a further 8,000 to be called up.

This would mean a growth of something like 20 per cent, involving an increase of £3,000,000 a year for pay alone. They had ordered and were now issuing nearly £1,000,000 worth of towing vehicles, large quantities of heavy pumps and other equipment.

£6,000,000 Expansion

In all, the expansion actually under way, apart from other great changes which the national reorganisation might bring, involved an additional expenditure of about £6,000,000, bringing the total annual cost of the fire-fighting services to about £27,000,000.

The greatest benefit, which the new scheme would bring—the merging of 1,400 brigades into a few compact forces, with all that this implied in increased efficiency—would cost nothing.

Mr. Morrison said they wanted more part-time volunteers. Especially were they anxious to get back to the service the many men who had passed through it but left during the lull at the early part of the war and for various other reasons.

Every part-time fire fighter should know that there was need of him. His standing in the service was as great as ever, and prospects of promotion would increase for him just as they would for the whole-time fire fighters and the old professional firemen.

NUMEROUS EXPLOSIONS WHICH SHOOK LOWER MANHATTAN YESTERDAY WERE ACCOMPANIED BY A RAGING FIRE WHICH BROKE OUT AT THE EAST RIVER WHARF WHERE BRITISH SHIPS WERE BEING LOADED WITH SUPPLIES FOR BRITAIN AND EGYPT, ACCORDING TO A REUTER MESSAGE FROM NEW YORK.

Observers said that the explosions apparently occurred in a number of heavily laden barges. Coast Guards and fire floats were sent hurriedly to the scene.

The fire which began with a series of explosions sending flames 125 feet into the air, engulfed the Cuba Mail Line Pier at Brooklyn, set an American freighter and several laden barges aflame and threatened to spread to a nearby pier used by British ships.

THE AMERICAN FREIGHTER, PANUCCO, LADEN WITH QUICK SILVER, MINERALS AND HEMP, CAUGHT FIRE, WAS CUT LOOSE AND ABLAZE FROM STEM TO STERN, DRIFTED OFF.

A flaming barge cast adrift floated crazily down river while fire-floats threw tons of water on it.

Five Alarms

Five fire alarms were received at Brooklyn Fire Station from which firemen sped to keep the blaze from spreading to the pier where almost daily British ships load supplies.

Two people were killed and 55 injured—some feared fatally—in the fire.

Clouds of dense smoke swept the Wall Street district as the lunch hour crowds poured out from their offices.—Reuter.

MARY LAWSON KILLED IN RAID

AMONG THE VICTIMS OF A RECENT RAID ON LIVERPOOL WAS THE ACTRESS AND FILM STAR, MISS MARY LAWSON (MRS. F. W. L. C. BEAUMONT), WHO WITH HER FILM PRODUCER HUSBAND WERE KILLED WHEN THE HOUSE IN WHICH THEY WERE STAYING WAS DEMOLISHED BY A BOMB.

A native of Darlington, Miss Lawson, who was 30, began her stage career at the age of seven and later appeared on the variety and concert platform.

Her engagement to Fred Perry, the tennis star, was announced a few years ago, but this was subsequently broken off.

Her meteoric rise to fame was one of the romances of the stage. She entered the film world in 1933.

TOBRUK ACTIVITY

"There has been considerable bombing. British patrols are continuing their activities and steadily inflicting losses upon the enemy," says yesterday's Middle East communique, referring to the Tobruk area.—Reuter.

FIRM TONE ON STOCK EXCHANGE

The London Stock Exchange yesterday was generally firm with renewed investment demand, mainly for gilt-edged securities, home rails and leading industrials arising out of the Government call-up of certain Canadian securities.

Among industries, Courtaulds and Breweries recorded useful gains while shipping stocks went further ahead.

Cape support was responsible for the rises among the speculative Kaffir favourites. South American rails continued firm but Japanese bonds tended to be easier.—Reuter.

LARGE-SCALE RAID ON SYRACUSE

CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE is believed to have been done to shipping at Syracuse by the Fleet Air Arm raid on Saturday night when fires lit up the whole harbour according to a R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

The communique states: "Aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm carried out a successful attack on the harbour at Syracuse during the night of August 16/17. Bombs were dropped from a low altitude, on the central mole and railway sidings starting several fires which finally became an intense blaze with flames rising to 300 feet.

"A number of violent explosions accompanied the fire which lit up the whole of the harbour area. Considerable damage must have been done to shipping.

"The same formation dropped a number of incendiary bombs on the barracks at Cap Passaro. These caused a heavy detonation followed by fire which was still visible from aircraft when about 70 miles away on their homeward journey.

Abyssinia Strafe

"Hurricane fighters machine-gunned seaplanes in the harbour of Syracuse on Sunday, destroyed one Cant Z509 and severely damaged a number of others.

Aircraft of the South African Air Force bombed and machine-gunned Wolcheff and Debarach and obtained hits on forts, buildings and trenches. All aircraft returned safely from the above operations.—Reuter.

MR. CHURCHILL GETS CHEERFUL HOMECOMING

Mr. Winston Churchill and his party landed at a British port yesterday and drove through the streets in three cars. The Prime Minister was greeted with cheers and shouts of "best of luck."

Mr. Churchill, who looked very happy, smiled and waved his peaked cap in response to the enthusiastic greetings accorded him.—Reuter.

OFFICERS PUT ON RETIRED LIST

The former commander of the Iraqi Royal bodyguard and a number of army officers suspected of complicity in the Rashid Ali revolt have been placed on the retired list, according to a Baghdad telegram.

A military court has been set up to try the offenders who took part in the rising.—Reuter.

Protest In The Air

Nothing is known in London of the reports by the Lyons Radio of a protest by the Vichy Government regarding alleged attempts to take over French troops in Syria, writes Reuter's Diplomatic correspondent.

The Correspondent adds: "In any case the Syrian Armistice Terms provide that these men shall have the liberty of opting to join the Free French Forces."

Vichy has protested against the detention of General Denz but until Britain is satisfied that all British prisoners who were removed from Syria have been returned to British hands there is no likelihood of any change in the British attitude in regard to this matter.

A number of prisoners have already been returned from France but details are lacking as to how many are still being detained.—Reuter.

BRITISH FLAX SUPPLIES

Success Of Royal Experiment

A far larger acreage of flax in Great Britain than ever officially recorded before has been sown, and it is hoped that fully 39,000 acres will be harvested in England, Wales and Scotland, while the area in Northern Ireland is expected to approach 100,000 acres.

Yet only ten years ago no flax was being grown in Great Britain except on the Sandringham estate, where King George V insisted on carrying on experimental work.

By the end of the summer, when the crop is ready, seventeen processing factories, not counting those in Ulster, will be available to take the straw under contract at prices ranging from £8 to £11 a ton, according to six clearly defined grades.

Flax production after the last war ceased because the high cost of hand pulling made competition with imported supplies impossible. But flax-pulling machines, though still capable of improvement, will do each from thirty to sixty times as much work as a man. Large numbers of them will be on hire from £25 to £22 an acre, according to the service required.

Pedigree Strains

Great improvement has also been achieved by the work of scientific plant breeders, mainly in Northern Ireland. Pedigree strains, now sown on the majority of farms, can be relied on to give half as much fibre again as common flax.

As the British demand for flax, even in peace time, would have required the produce of more than 300,000 acres, there seems good ground for hoping that this new farming industry may be established permanently.

R.A.A.F. EXPANSION

Twenty-three Australian Air Force Squadrons will be serving abroad by the middle of next year, announced the Minister for Air, Mr. McEwen, in Melbourne yesterday.

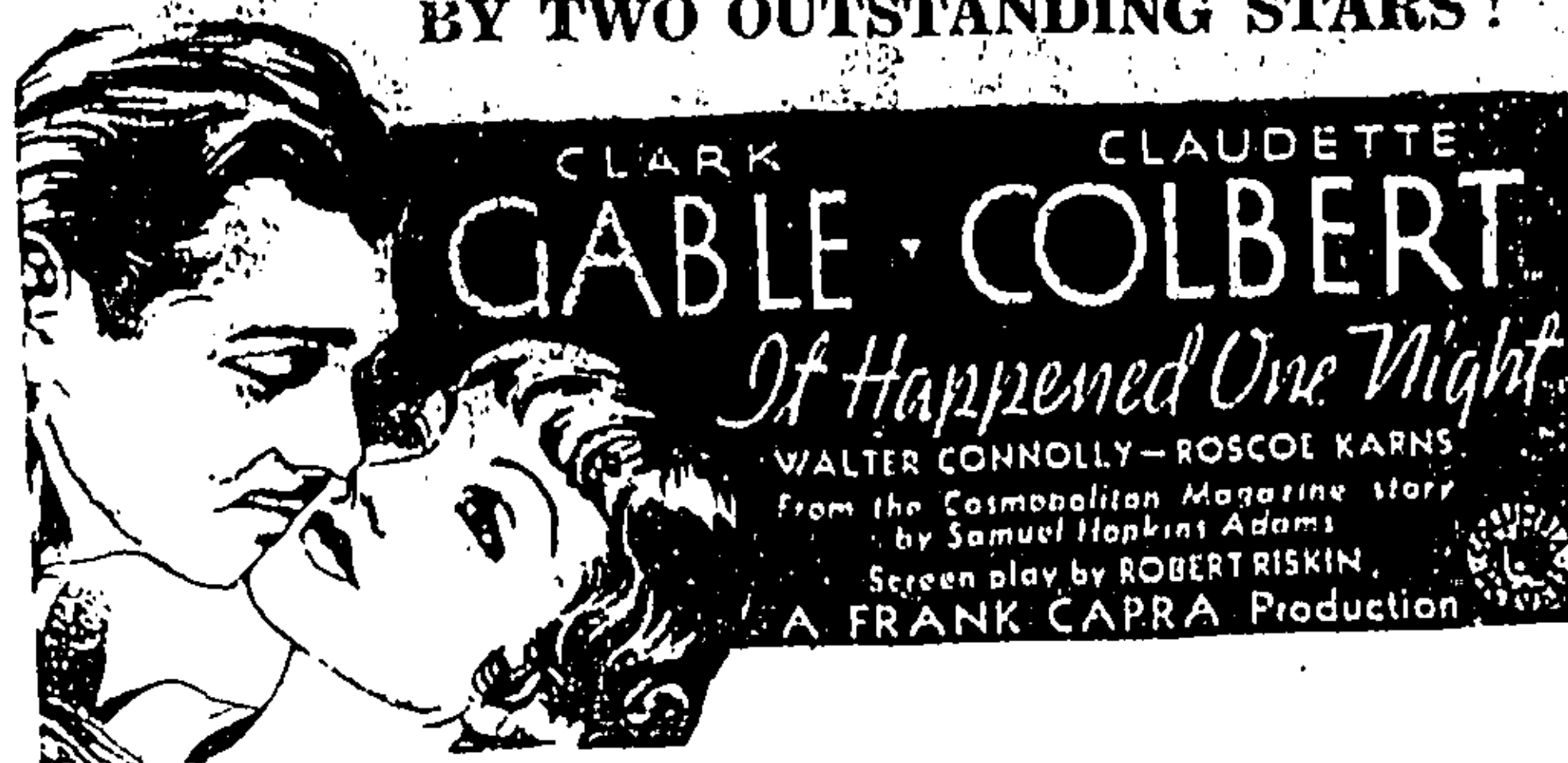
The personnel will be mostly supplied through the Empire Air Training Scheme and will be flying the most modern machines, he said.

Many personnel for additional squadrons are already serving with the Royal Air Force. They will be grouped with the incoming trainees.

The Minister for Aircraft Production, Mr. J. W. Leckie, after a record return flight in an Australian built Beaufort, said that the performance demonstrated the striking power of Australia's first line of defence.—Reuter.

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ROOSEVELT MEETS KEY MEN AT WHITE HOUSE TALK

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT yesterday summoned to the White House, key men in Congress connected with foreign affairs to give them a full account of the international situation.

Those who assembled in the President's study included the Vice-President Henry Wallace, Senators Barkley, Connally, George and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Mr. Sol Bloom.

They were expected in their turn to explain to President Roosevelt the latest developments in the legislative situation. President Roosevelt gave his Congressional lieutenants a picture of the dramatic Churchill-Roosevelt talks and also discussed further Lease and Lend appropriation. Senator Barkley, leaving after 90 minutes, told reporters that the meeting was "very interesting but confidential." He disclosed that the question of further Lease and Lend appropriation was discussed and the Japanese situation mentioned only casually.

Position Unaltered

President Roosevelt gave a complete outline of his talks with Mr. Churchill, said Senator Connally after the meeting. He said: "I do not believe any commitments were made which would in any way alter our position towards the war." Senator Connally expressed the opinion that further Lease and Lend appropriation would be about \$4,000,000,000 but declared "by far the greater part of the original \$7,000,000,000 has not yet been expended."—Reuter.

Even Chance In Far East

Russia has a real chance of holding out indefinitely against the Nazis. That is one of the impressions Congressional leaders reported they gained from their conference with President Roosevelt. Other impressions were firstly, Russian resistance has forestalled any German attempt to invade Great Britain this year. Secondly, the British believe that any German attempt to invade Britain will be delayed at least until the Spring. THIRDLY, THE CHANCES APPEARED EVEN THAT JAPAN WOULD TAKE NEW STEPS OF AGGRESSION. President Roosevelt appeared cheerful and confident as the result of his talks with Mr. Winston Churchill. One Congressman said the British were convinced that in order to defeat Germany, Britain must invade the continent. It was indicated, however, that no such step was contemplated at present.—Reuter.

PETROL RATIONING IN AFGHANISTAN

The Afghan Government has introduced petrol rationing it was learned in Peshawar yesterday. The move has been taken owing to the reduction in imports by over 30 per cent. caused by the war. The country is dependent upon imports. Although oil deposits are known to exist in Afghanistan they remain untapped.—Reuter.

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GERMAN SHIPS SUNK

Three German patrol vessels were bombed and sunk off the Dutch coast by Royal Air Force Blenheim bombers yesterday afternoon, according to an Air Ministry communique.

"Two attacks on objectives in northern France were made by other Blenheims which were accompanied by strong fighter escorts," continues the communique. "An industrial plant at Lille and other targets were bombed. Fighter escorts destroyed three enemy fighters, while other fighters carried out a sweep over the coast of northern Brittany and attacked the aerodrome and enemy troops with cannon and machine-gun fire.

"From these operations three aircraft — all fighters — are missing" — Reuter.

FRENCH CONSUL RESIGNS

The French Consul at Santiago de Chile has resigned, stating that he could not represent a Government which is now under German domination — Reuter.

AIR RAID DISTRESS FUND

In a broadcast appeal last night on behalf of the Lord Mayor's National Air Raid Distress Fund, the Lord Mayor of London stated that since the Fund started last September well over 100,000 families had received help and more than a million and a half pounds had been spent in grants of cash and in providing food, clothing, furniture, removal expenses and many other purposes. To-day, a nation-wide flag day on behalf of the fund is being held. — British Wireless.

WAR PRISONERS BETTER OFF NOW

THE LOT OF THE 3,000,000 prisoners of war in all parts of Europe and Canada is far better as concerns health, morale and well-being than during the last war, according to Tracy Strong, General Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association World Committee for War Prisoners' Aid, who arrived in New York aboard the Dixie Clipper, of the Pan American Airways, after a four-month tour of prison camps in Great Britain, France, Germany and Switzerland.

Mr. Strong, who is to confer with Y.M.C.A. officials, reported that all countries were fulfilling the terms of the Geneva Convention prescribing standards for the treatment of war prisoners. Lack of ill-feeling among prisoners, a fear of reprisals and an effort to protect the health of the prisoners were listed by Mr. Strong as reasons for the better treatment.

He reported that about 2,500,000 of the 3,000,000 war prisoners were in Germany, including 1,700,000 French, 130,000 Poles, 100,000 Belgians, 100,000 Serbs, 50,000 British and "a few" of other nationalities. He placed war prisoners in Occupied France at 100,000; in Britain at 10,000; in Canada 10,000; and in Switzerland 12,000 French and Polish internees who had laid down their arms. In addition, about 200,000 mostly Italians, are in the process of being moved to Egypt and India, he added.

"There is surprisingly little hate against these men after their capture," Mr. Strong continued.

They are military men who have been doing their military duty."

A few instances of ill-treatment have been reported, he said, adding that similar treatment imposed on an equal number of enemy prisoners had cleared things up, "and it's best not to say any more about them."

Mr. Strong described the morale among the prisoners as high with the exception of the Belgians, who had expected to be able to return to their homes when their Government fell. In all camps, prisoners were permitted to work according to their own faith, he reported, adding that many educational classes have been organized among the prisoners. Newspapers and magazines from home countries are not permitted in the camps, he said.

Mr. Strong said that virtually all war prisoners have been put to work, receiving about 20 cents a day. Food in the camps, he said, varies according to conditions in the country in which they are situated. The Red Cross has been sending in food parcels, he added.

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BOMB SHOCKED BABIES

London babies who have been bomb-shocked have reason to be grateful to the British War Relief Society of America for the work they are financing to bring back health and strength to numbers of little nerve sufferers. In an airy green-walled room in a London suburb, furnished with a trapeze, climbing-ropes and ladders, Estrid Dane gives 46 children courses of medical gymnastics two or three times a week.

Mrs. Dane, Danish-born but now a British subject, is expert at treating bomb-shocked children and also at preventing this nervous trouble. At first it may be a little alarming to watch her at work. She will pick up a naked four months' old baby by the heels, for instance, and swing her off the exercise couch into space; she will roll her about; hold her sprawling in mid-air.

Four-year-old Malcol'm Spencer, Mrs. Dane's oldest patient, was a nervous wreck after many bad raids. Mrs. Dane gave him a good rub down, put him on the bars, made him jump down a baby chute, and in a few days Malcol'm was putting on weight. Mrs. Dane is a disciple of Professor Neumann Neurode, of Berlin, who experimented on his own children.

CHILD WELFARE AND INDUSTRY

NOW THAT THE Minister of Labour is bringing women into industry mothers with young children under the age of five present a special problem.

Dr. Edith Summerskill, M.P., told a representative of "The Observer" that the Government should provide for these pre-school children throughout the country similar modern care to that made available in a number of "blitzed" areas.

There consideration is given to mothers with children under school age who have to remain at home to look after their husbands—in dockyards and other national work—but who want to send their children away from the cities.

The Ministry of Health provides for these children residential nursery schools in country houses under the care of trained women.

A Danger

"This is good, but there is danger," Dr. Summerskill said, "that an unsatisfactory alternative system may be used. This dates back to the bad old days of industry—namely, the farming out of the young children with so-called 'minders' at about one shilling per head.

"The 'minders' are women living in their own homes, with their ordinary household duties and cares to over-occupy them.

They have no special knowledge of how to look after young children.

"In those districts where the system of farming out young children with 'minders' exists to-day, the incidence of rickets is exceptionally high. The system, in fact, is as out-of-date as the old work-house.

"I am quite aware," Dr. Summerskill proceeded, "that there are many excellent women in the country who are capable of looking after children well, but these are not necessarily always the women who are ready to take on the extra responsibility of having a small child in their household. The register which will be compiled for the 'minder' system will be of women who are chiefly anxious to augment their income and who will be able to do this by having a child in the household.

"The women will not necessarily be well versed in what constitutes a balanced diet, or will they have a special knowledge of child welfare. In these modern days, when the State spends millions of pounds on child welfare services and on propaganda, in order to teach mothers the best methods of feeding and caring for their children, we should provide only the best care for children under five who are either evacuated from their parents or who are cared for outside their homes because their mothers are engaged in industry.

"There should be co-ordination between the Departments of Health, Education, and Labour, in order that these children should be cared for either in nursery centres, or creches, where they will be fed and looked after by experts.

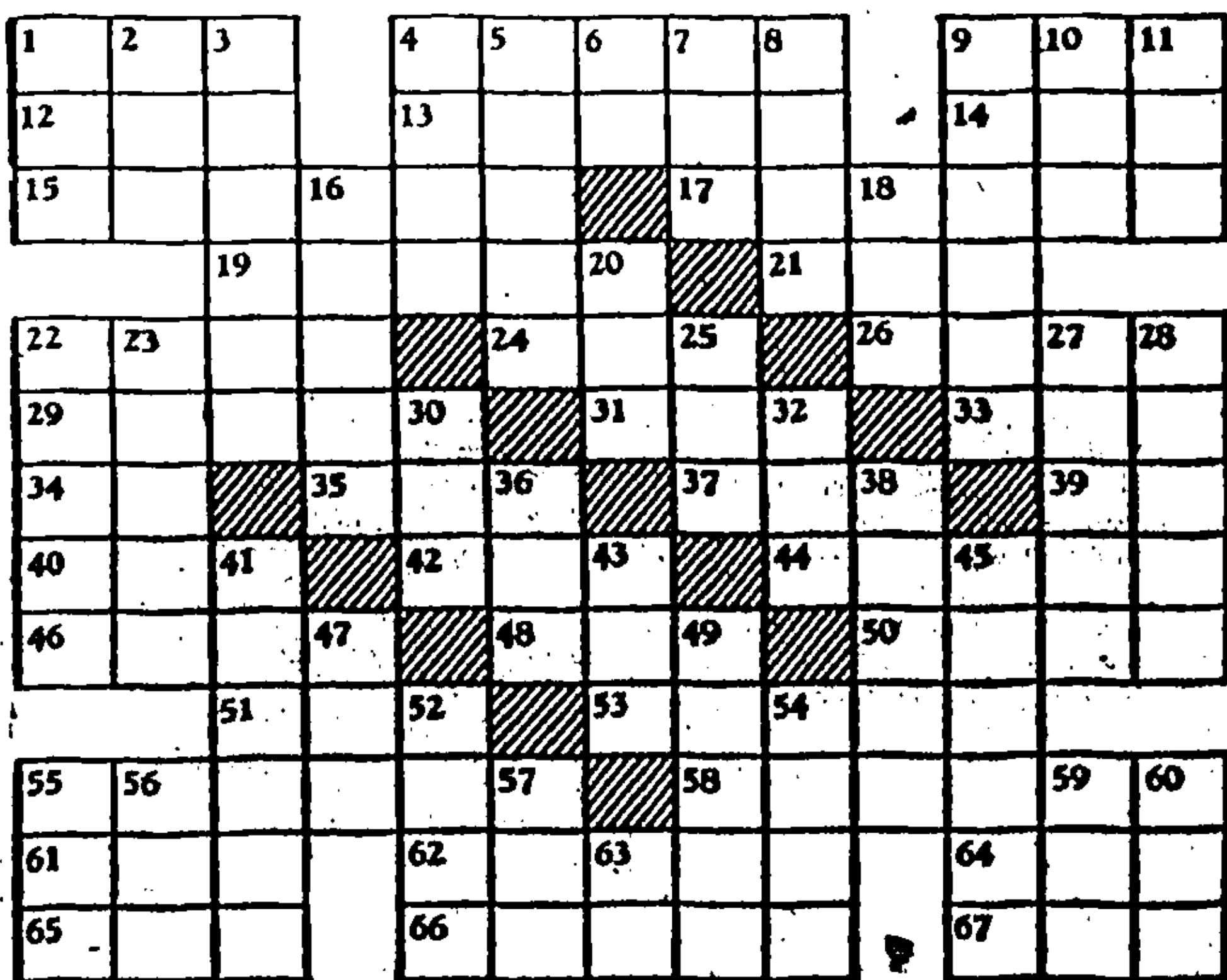
"The 'minder' system is out of date, and it is deplorable that it should have been revived in these modern days."

GERMANS SEEK U.S. OIL

Dr. Kurt Rieth, German minister in Austria during the unsuccessful Nazi "putsch" in 1934, has been in New York for two months trying to buy large American-owned petrol properties in Eastern Europe, especially a Hungarian subsidiary of the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, according to the "New York Herald Tribune."

Rieth, says the paper, arrived at Rio de Janeiro by air with orders to form special commissions to further A.S. interests in Latin America and the United States, and to hinder by every means the application of the Lend-Lease Act.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD

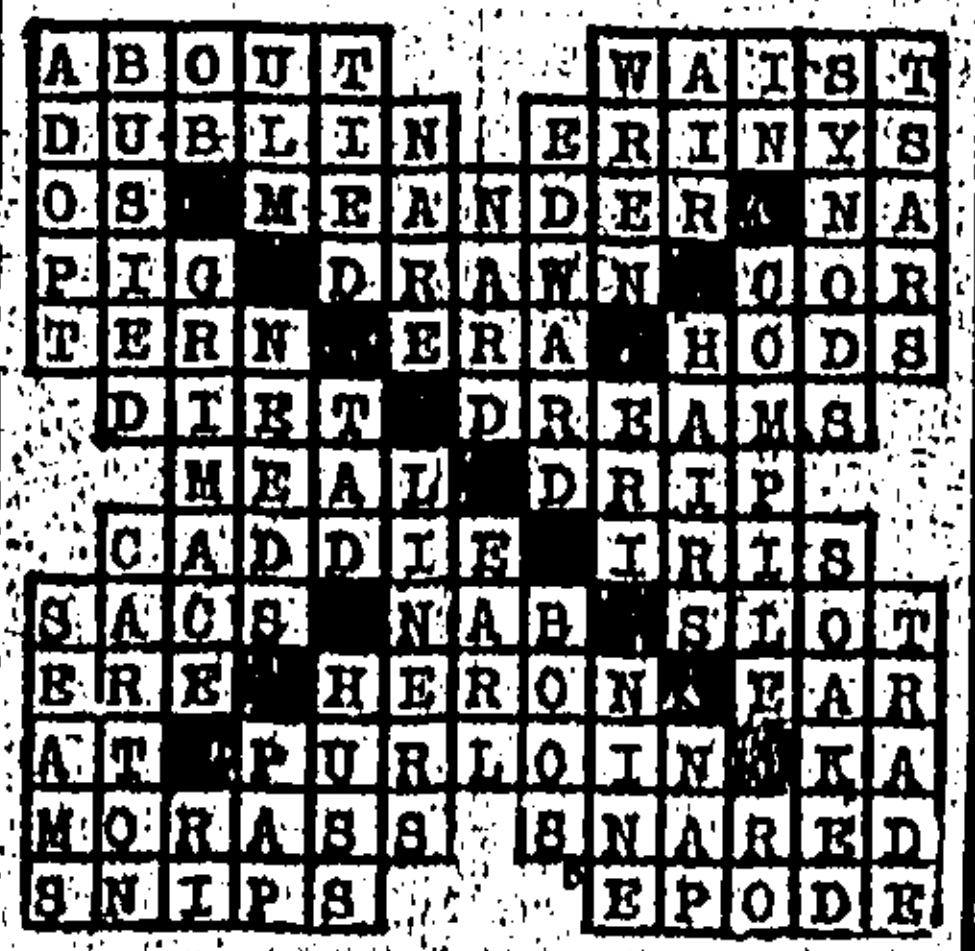


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- 1 Dry
 - 4 To divert
 - 9 Philippine savage
 - 12 High priest
 - 13 Profound sleep
 - 14 Immediately
 - 15 Gatekeeper
 - 17 Snaky-haired sorceress
 - 19 Dromedary
 - 21 The sun
 - 22 Colloquial to solicit
 - 24 Pronoun
 - 26 Small close room
 - 29 To follow
 - 31 Distorted
 - 33 Fish eggs
 - 34 Because
 - 35 Inane
 - 37 Knot in a fiber of cotton
 - 39 Archaic article
 - 40 To observe
 - 42 To make lace
 - 44 Weblike
 - 46 English boys' school
 - 48 Split pulse
 - 50 Is ill
 - 51 Support

- 53 Village in Holland
- 55 Oscine bird
- 58 Herb of the mint family
- 61 Meadow
- 62 Tapestry
- 64 Epoch
- 65 Lair
- 66 Allotted
- 67 To spread for drying

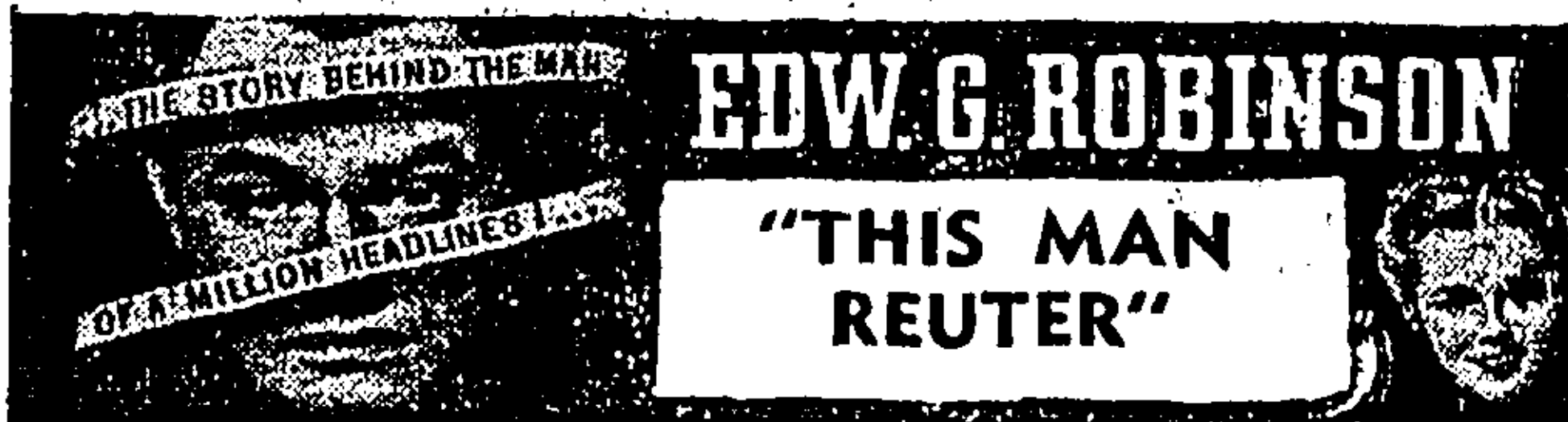
- VERTICAL**
- 1 To mend
 - 2 High note
 - 3 Circular, tent-enclosed arena
 - 4 Ancient alloy
 - 5 Medium of exchange
 - 6 Above
 - 7 To soak
 - 8 God of love
 - 9 Fisherman
 - 10 Also
 - 11 Beard, as of grain
 - 16 Fact
 - 18 Fabulous bird
 - 20 Base
 - 22 To annoy
 - 23 Attack
 - 25 Vase
 - 27 Faithful
 - 28 Looks slyly
 - 30 To consume
 - 32 However
 - 36 Colloquial father
 - 38 Brisk (coll.)
 - 41 Borne by the wind
 - 43 Garin
 - 45 Small finch
 - 47 Prefix: new
 - 49 Pertaining to place
 - 52 Happy
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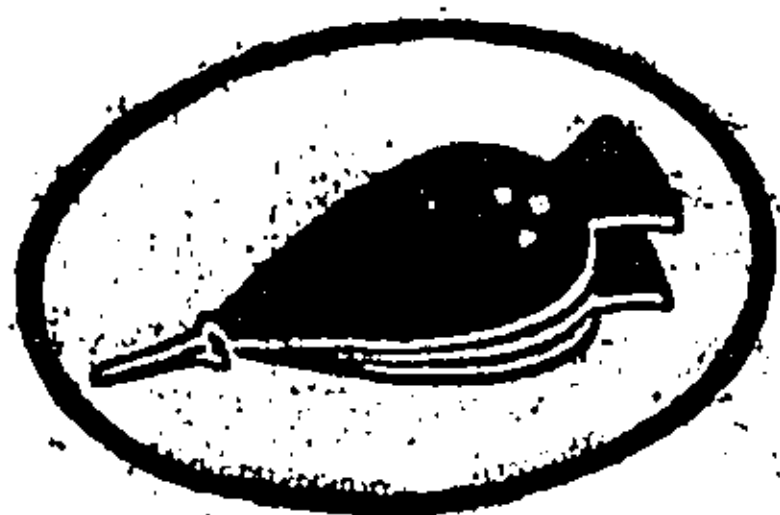
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"RED SUNDAY" IN LONDON

FIRE FIGHTERS SAVE CITY'S CENTRE

(From A Correspondent in London)

"RED SUNDAY" came to London on May 11 — a Sunday of death for hundreds and injuries for more hundreds; a Sunday of fire and high-explosive bombs; of shattered, burnt-out buildings, tremendous but short-lived confusion; a Sunday of broken water mains and flames flaring from cracked gas mains; a Sunday of disorganised traffic, hose-crowded streets in the affected areas; a Sunday of vile smoke-filled, gas-tainted air that irritated lungs and nostrils; a Sunday of frantic endeavour by London men and women to combat the evils that Nazi raiders had wrought from the air.

It needs the calmness of "a few days after" to draw a picture, however incomplete, of the scenes following such a "blitz."

That space of time, too, allows me to mention some of the places, hallowed in British traditions, that now stand or totter in ruin as memorials of German barbarism.

Let me begin with that beautiful corner of London, Westminster, better known to overseas visitors than any other area — a beautiful, dignified corner, with Parliament Square pulling the curtain aside, as it were, to let the visitor look at Houses of Parliament and Abbey.

The House of Commons, focus of democracy, where five days earlier I had heard Churchill defend his Government in vigorous, telling prose, is gutted. Its stone walls are chafed by fire, its roof is twisted wreckage below the level where the floor once rested. A cold hatred swept me as I walked through the gloomy, silent lobbies. Water dripped from the ceiling and pools of water lay on the stone-flagged floors. Around the corner was the entrance to the Chamber, partly blocked by debris and twisted girders.

"There," said my guide, as he tossed a piece of stone that was once part of the Press Gallery, "is where the Speaker's Chair was."

The stone struck a girder and disappeared into a pile of wreckage. A breeze, heavy with the odour of burnt things, stirred flakes of stone from the red-scarred walls. Once proud on-lookers when British statesmen were moulding the destiny of walls appeared to be weeping for the passing of their glory. Water-sodden carpets, scorched, and cinder-covered, still showed between the rubbish of the division lobbies, extensively damaged. The members' lobby was open to the sky.

Big Ben Chimes On

Westminster Hall revealed patches of sky through the skeleton of its roof — "the most beautiful roof in the world," with its soaring arches and sweeping beams of oak. Luckiest of all the stone inhabitants of this hallowed corner was Big Ben, who chimed on, hour after hour, as though expressing the British determination to see it through, despite a crack on his skull from a bomb.

The Deanery of Westminster Abbey, one of the best examples of medieval houses in England, was destroyed, but the fabric of the Abbey itself suffered no irreparable damage, though it stood open to the sky. The roof over the lantern, the low square tower at the centre of the building, fell in. Beneath it, the platform and Coronation Chair was set when King George and Queen Elizabeth were crowned four years ago. It must have been one of their saddest experiences when yesterday they stood at the site, swept their eyes round the scene of wreckage, and, no doubt, recalled the pomp and ceremony of 1937.

All the boys and girls who play and sing "Orange and Lemon, the bells of St. Clement's," and all the men and women who sang that tune in their childhood, would have felt so I did when I saw the bells on this Red Sunday, 1941.

The bells had been removed from the spire after previous raid damage to the church, of St. Clement Danes several months ago,

and had since been stored in the porch, with sandbag protection. That proved merely an oven when the fire-bombs set the church alight. There the bells were, encased in smouldering, smoking rubbish, with the grandfather bell the only one pressing a crest through the ruin of rubbish. I saw merely bits of the others. Their scorched, heat-cracked appearance made me think that the bells, robbed of resonance, will ring no more except in childish voices singing the old refrain.

The church itself, occupying an island site at the eastern end of the Strand in the open place that Australia House faces, is a blackened shell of four shrapnel-scarred walls. The spire still soars towards the heavens from which the fatal fire bombs descended. It was a "little bit of Australia" in London. Here were held the Anzac Day services for the Australian "colony."

Queen's Hall

Queen's Hall, home of the London Philharmonic Orchestra, the scene of Sir Henry Wood's great musical endeavours for 47 years, will not be besieged by concert-lovers for many a day, if ever again. Its roof has gone, its two galleries are ruined, its seating is burnt. A week earlier I had heard the orchestra play under the baton of Leslie Heward, who is to be the Australian Broadcasting Commission's celebrity guest conductor this year.

On the opposite side of Centre London, I walked past the Court of Criminal Justice. At the north-western corner, where Newgate Street joins Old Bailey the street that gives its world-famed name to the court, there was a heap of huge blocks of masonry on the pavement. A high-explosive bomb blasted that corner of the building. Another breached the roof. It was the third time the court had been hit in raids. But it still stands, with the gilded, untouched figure of Justice, with upraised sword still surmounting the dome, as if defying flame and blast to touch her, and threatening retribution for the destruction she mutely surveyed.

But there was more London air raid damage on this Red Sunday than to "cultural monuments." There was the wanton bombing and firing of homes, especially working-class houses and flats, which had gaps torn in them. There was destruction of warehouses and offices with, in the former, valuable stocks of goods.

As late as Saturday midday, I looked along a commercial street where motor traffic and pedestrians had to progress with the slowness bespeaking normal life in an important London artery. Workers poured from warehouses, shops, and offices. Taxi-men tooted, impatient at delays. Bus drivers pushed their cumbersome vehicles into devices in packed traffic. Almost every building in the street was whole, except for boarded windows instead of glass in some of them.

I walked through the same street 24 hours later. It was filled with smoke for its entire length. More than half the buildings on either side were charred, blackened ruins. Floors and all they contained had collapsed into ugly smouldering heaps in basements or on ground floors.

BABY UNCLAIMED

Scotland Yard is trying to trace the parents of a seven-months-old baby boy which was taken into an East London hospital by a soldier during an air raid. The hospital authorities thought at the time that the baby's parents were among the casualties. When the casualties had been cleared the baby was left unclaimed.

Flames still spouted from several premises. Weary firemen were still wrestling with hoses to direct water to dangerous blazes. Masonry and bricks covered each pavement, so that I had to mountaineer my way along the vale of destruction. Charred paper eddied in the breeze and settled into odd corners. Ashes and cinder fell or drifted on to ruined clothes and begrimed faces. Smoke filled and smarted the eyes. Girders slashed the roadway like human limbs in violent death, or formed grotesque tangles crowning smoking piles of rubble. Mortar dust, as fine as talc powder, drifted into throats and set up painful irritation.

Avenue Of Flame

It was not the only street like that. One runs diagonally to intersect the one I have described. The description could fit that one equally well. At intervals during that Sunday afternoon, I glanced from a window towards an incline lined with retail shops—not emporiums, but nevertheless important establishments. They formed an avenue of flame, with the firemen still pouring water upon what was left of them.

At half-past seven o'clock that evening, I stood on the roof of a tall building and counted 12 fires either smoking or flaming, within a ring with a radius of a quarter-mile. The worst at that period of London's Red Sunday was in a building about 200 yards from me. The flames licked upwards 200 feet and more. In the background loomed in silhouette a large official building, itself damaged by a high-explosive bomb.

In one street, only a building here and there had been ravaged by fire. The magnificent work of the firemen had stopped these from spreading. Through archways opening off one side of the street I saw a holocaust of smoking and fiery ruins in an area famed throughout the world for its legal associations and traditions.

Following Red Sunday, there was some criticism of the fire-watching system, especially in the area which included business premises closed for the week-end. Immediate rectification of slackness seems assured. But any criticism of that aspect of Red Sunday does not apply to the regular fire brigades and the Auxiliary Fire Services which fought for more than 24 hours without rest, without stopping, to stem the flames that threatened. It may now be said, a considerable portion of crowded Central London.

Flame-Fighting Under Fire

Hats off to these men! You in Australia know how you admire your firemen when they spend three or four hours in combating flame. Then think of these London men who fought from midnight to midnight, and some of them long afterwards, to extinguish what was allight, to save what was still unhit. Think of them doing that under a rain of incendiaries and high-explosives for several hours. Think of them, when they could hardly stand through weariness, still battling with kinking hoses, still climbing ladders to dizzying heights, still

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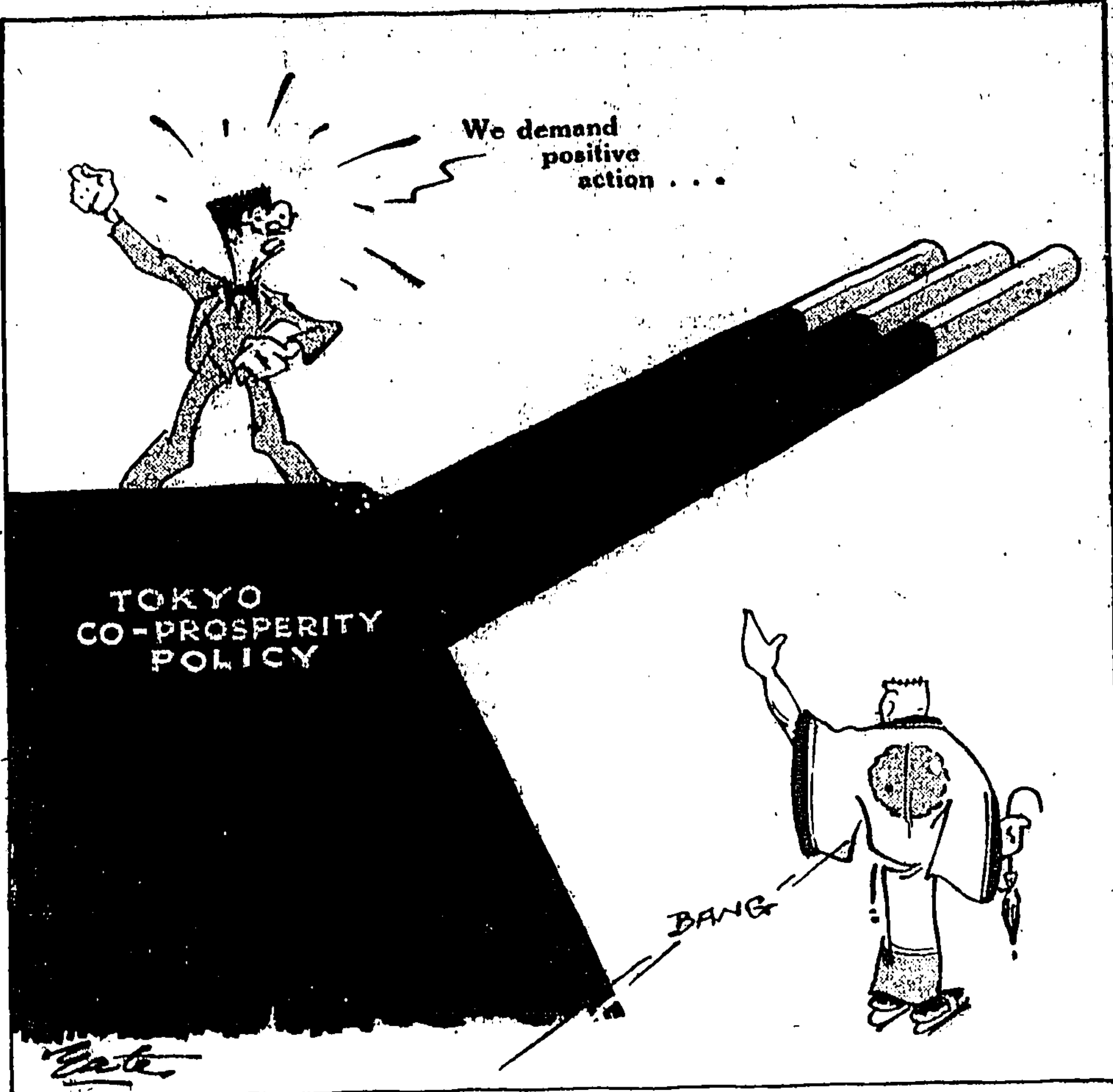
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ANNIVERSARY IN POLAND

The 150th anniversary of the adoption of the Polish Constitution, a Constitution born without bloodshed, out of the nation's free will, which gave the franchise to more classes of the population than in any other European country at that time, was celebrated recently. Poland then removed long-standing economic barriers between nobles and middle class, gave parliamentary representation to deputies from the cities, took the down-trodden peasantry under protection of the law and placed decisions on war and peace under parliamentary control. The new constitution declared all citizens to be "the defenders of national integrity and freedom" and the army "nothing but the defensive force derived from the general strength of the nation." At a time of world-wide political and religious persecution it declared: "Every man coming or returning to the state, as soon as he sets foot on Polish soil, becomes free." Hertzberg, Minister of the Prussian Frederick II, declared that its adoption was one of the great events of the century and predicted that it would have greater results even than the Revolution in France.

After a century and a half heart-breaking struggle against more powerful neighbours, Polish territory, twice before partitioned and occupied, is again in possession of the enemy. There could have been no celebration of the old free Constitution of 1791 in Warsaw this year. But Poland herself endures. Her Government, temporarily established in London, continues to function and Poles the world over give to it their staunch support. A Polish brigade formed a year ago and composed of men who made their way out through the deep snow of the Taurus Mountains is fighting the foe alongside the British in Egypt. New Polish battalions are forming on British soil and recruits from the motherland and Polish settlements abroad pour in to swell their ranks. Polish aviators are aiding in the defence of Britain and Polish sailors man Polish warcraft in the British fleet.

Poland lives on, waiting for her day of liberation and firm in the conviction that the day will come.



ASKING FOR IT

Between Two Wars

In the last year of the War of 1914-18 this country passed an act of faith—the Education Act, 1918—which was a land-mark in our educational history.

That Act declared it to be the duty of the Local Education Authorities—who, under the supervision of the Board of Education, are responsible for educational administration—to provide for the progressive development and comprehensive organisation of education in their areas "with a view to the establishment of a national system of public education available for all persons capable of profiting thereby."

Within the limits of this short article it is not possible to trace, even in outline, the history of the progress made since that date. I will therefore content myself with throwing a spotlight on some outstanding features of our educational advance.

Helping The Child

The Act of 1918 abolished half-time attendance at elementary schools, and exemptions before the end of the term in which the age of 14 is reached. This secured a very large increase in the number of senior children in the elementary schools and necessitated a fresh consideration of the appropriate schooling "to give them.

As a result the modern elementary school is now very different from its predecessors. It is no longer simply a box of classrooms in which children are taught the bare elements of primary education. Space is now provided for proper organisation which enables children to be grouped in accordance with their ages, attainments and abilities.

In short, the school has become something more than a teaching shop. It is a place with space, airiness, light, playgrounds and, where possible, playing fields which offer an environment in which young children can enjoy a happy and healthy growth.

In addition, provision has been made on a widely extended scale for practical instruction in handicrafts, domestic subjects and gardening.

In 1936 an Act was passed raising the age for compulsory school attendance to 15. By the time war broke out a scheme for the proper organisation of separate senior schools for senior elementary school pupils was well on the way towards completion.

The raising of the age has, however, had to be suspended during the war. It is one of the advances which we shall hope to see in hand as soon as possible after victory has been achieved.

During the war of 1914-1918, a remarkable and unexpected impetus was given to the growth

of our secondary education. In spite of acute difficulties the average size of grant-earning schools rose by over 40 per cent. during that period and ever since there has been steady growth.

Whereas in 1914 the number of pupils in State-aided secondary schools was 187,200 the number in 1938 was 470,000 of whom some 365,000 or 77 per cent. had passed on from public elementary schools. With this increase in secondary education and the better organisation of secondary

By Herwald Ramsbotham,
President of The Board of Education

schools, a closer connection has been established between them and the Universities, as will be seen from the following figures.

Scholarships

In 1920, 2,800 pupils proceeded to a University from the grant-earning secondary schools. In 1938 the number had risen to 4,200.

This development owes much to the award of State scholarships granted to pupils in secondary schools and initiated in 1919. Starting with the award of 200 scholarships per annum the number has now been increased to 300.

Technical and commercial education in this country is largely pursued concurrently with employment, students taking their courses after working hours in the evenings. There is, indeed, a long tradition of evening class attendance. In normal times there are well over one million students in our evening classes.

This is not to say that there is not a measure of full-time technical and commercial education, both senior and junior. But the great mass of such education, as I have said, is a matter of part-time attendance.

It is not possible to show progress in terms of any striking increase in the number of students.

As far back as 1910 students enrolled in evening classes numbered over three-quarters of a million. But during the past 20 years there has been a steady development in the standard of provision made, and a number of up-to-date and well-equipped technical institutions have been brought into being.

It is a commonplace that bricks

and mortar alone do not make a good school, and that ultimately educational values depend on the teachers.

No doubt much of the advance that has been made since 1918 can be ascribed to the fact that since then the whole position of the teaching profession has been substantially raised. Admittedly prior to 1914 the remuneration of teachers was generally very low, but since 1918 recognised scales of salary have been agreed upon, and service has been made pensionable under a State scheme.

As I have said, but for the war compulsory education would have been extended to the age of 15, but our progress has inevitably been broken. It is, indeed, sometimes thought that our educational system has been thrown completely out of gear by war-time conditions.

Naturally the impact of war has necessitated improvisations and enforced irregularities, but in general the system has stood up to such difficulties remarkably well.

Notwithstanding the upsets due to the evacuation of schoolchildren from vulnerable to safer areas, and damage to school premises by enemy action, over 4,435,000 out of some 4,600,000 children in our elementary schools are still enrolled for full-time schooling, a further 119,000 are receiving part-time instruction, while only some 41,000 are, at the time of writing, without schooling altogether.

Plans For The Future

Teachers and the Local Education Authorities have responded magnificently to the difficult tasks which have faced them. There is no doubt, too, that those children who have been transferred from town to country have benefited very greatly both physically and mentally. Quite apart from the advantages of fresh air and country life, they are finding new interests and new outlooks.

Once again, in the middle of a struggle for life and death we are thinking of educational development for the post-war period. We shall want to do our best for the future generations.

The two main advances which I hope to see secured are the raising of the school leaving age to 15 and the introduction of compulsory Day Continuation Schools.

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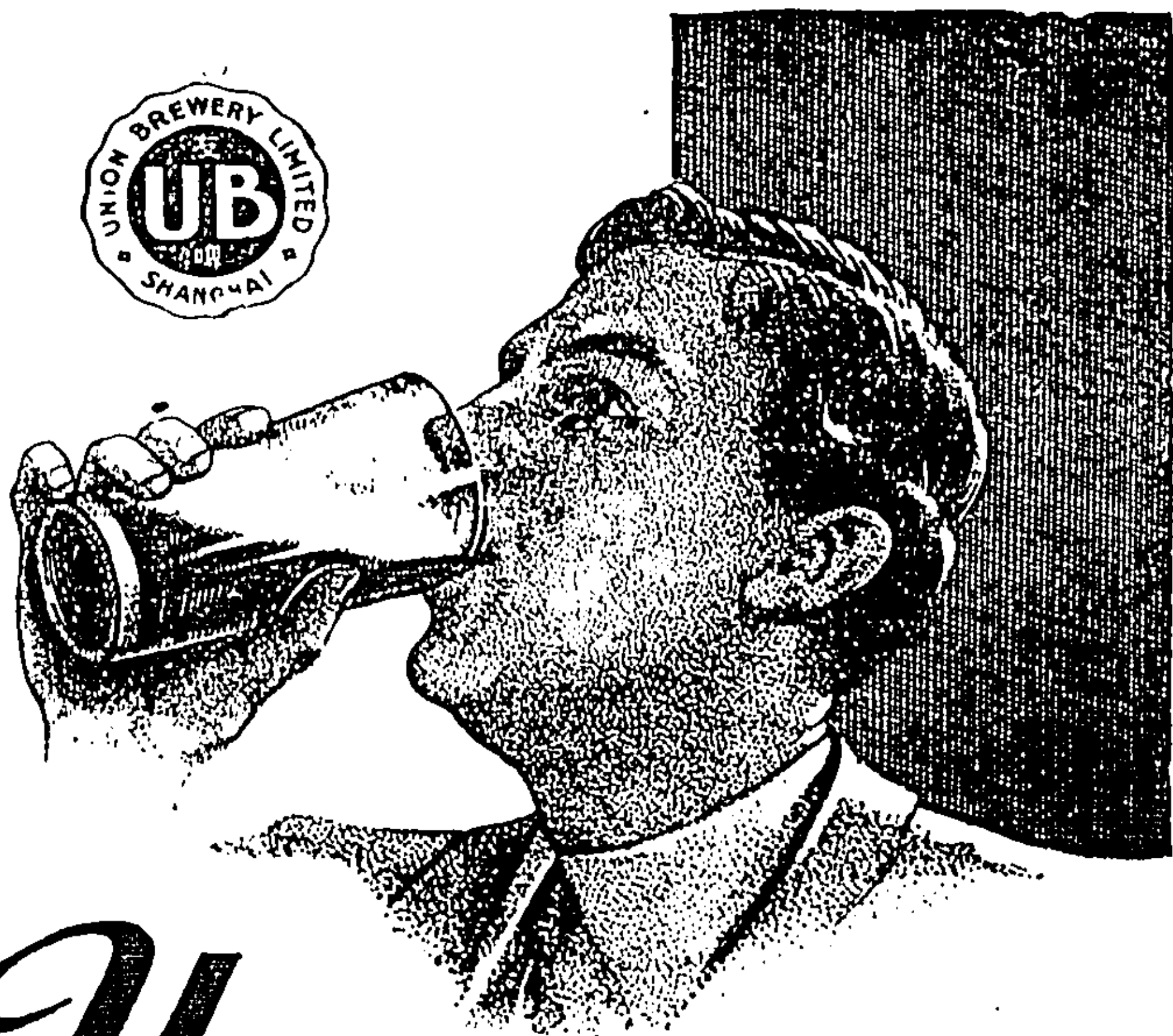
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AMAZING VOYAGE BY MR. CHURCHILL IN PRINCE OF WALES

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent With The Royal Navy)
ESCORTED BY DESTROYERS OF THE ROYAL AND ROYAL CANADIAN NAVIES, THE GIANT BATTLESHIP, PRINCE OF WALES, HAS REACHED A BRITISH PORT AND THUS ENDED THE PRIME MINISTER'S AMAZING JOURNEY.

I was in one of the British destroyers which formed the escort and never once did we sight any hostile craft, either in the air, in the sea or beneath.

It was truly an amazing voyage — amazing in the first place in the significance that the Prime Minister should travel across the Atlantic and hold a series of conferences with President Roosevelt, and in the second place that he should return in a blaze of publicity.

Officers aboard our destroyer scratched their heads and looked at me for an explanation when they heard over the ward-room wireless that Mr. Churchill was returning in the Prince of Wales.

It seemed to us that an open challenge had been issued to Hitler to do his worst, for here we were, many hundreds of miles out in the Atlantic, with all the dangerous U-boats infested waters still to go through — but it was a challenge that was never taken up.

It was a glorious afternoon as we sailed out of the naval base to keep the rendezvous with the Prince of Wales somewhere in the North Atlantic, and at that time no one but the captain of the ship knew the importance of the task ahead.

Early one morning, some days after leaving the naval base, we sighted a smudge on the horizon and as we approached it we could see through our glasses the immense outline of a giant battleship, flanked on both sides by Canadian destroyers.

The great ship was truly a noble sight, plunging through the Atlantic swell and throwing up great clouds of white spray as she dipped her bows in the waves.

Catalinas Overhead

We approached from head on and as we swooped to take our position there was a sudden flurry of destroyers all round the ship. In a very few minutes we had taken our position and were zigzagging with the other warships.

During the afternoon Catalina flying boats patrolled the air over us and one of them reported a large convoy some 50 or 60 miles ahead, bound for Britain.

The Prime Minister had never seen a large convoy at sea, so with a slight alteration of course we made towards them. After two or three hours we could see the convoy on the horizon. It was an incredible sight. As far as I could see, there were ships, tankers, freighters, supply ships, big ships, little ships and ships of every conceivable sort, all loaded to the water-line.

Eight Miles

They were ranged in lines — over eight miles of ships. Around them scurried their escort of corvettes and former American destroyers keeping the stragglers in line and always ready for the possible approach of danger.

We steamed straight towards them and then passed straight through the middle of the convoy. Each of the Prince of Wales' escorts chose its opening among the ships and as we dashed through the lines of merchantmen we could see that they realized who it was paying them this novel visit, and we saw men running to hoist the V. signal in flags, while others stood on the decks waving and cheering.

The Prince of Wales was a proud sight. She had cocked all her 14-inch guns to their highest levels, and if Mr. Churchill was thrilled it was nothing to the excitement among the vessels of

the convoy. We steamed on for about two miles ahead of the convoy and then the Prince of Wales and her escort turned round and once more we all went through the lines of plunging ships.

If there had been enthusiasm before, it was nothing to what greeted us the second time. Every merchantman had had time to hoist flags and the crews lined the rails, waving their hats and shouting. We wished them God Speed and then resumed our original course which was to bring us to Iceland.

Day In Iceland

We stayed one day in Iceland during which the Prime Minister reviewed the British and American troops, and that evening we sailed again for a British port.

Earlier in the day in which we met the convoy, the Prince of Wales carried out a practice shoot with her anti-aircraft guns, watched by the Prime Minister and his party.

She first fired a smoke shell which exploded into a compact ball of smoke high in the sky and, using this as a target, she let loose with her guns, plastering the area round the ball of smoke with exploding shells.

This was followed by a barrage of fire, using every anti-aircraft gun aboard. The battleship's side seemed to be constantly flaming, so great was the rate of fire and the air all round her was black with exploding projectiles.

IT SEEMED UNBELIEVABLE THAT ONE SHIP COULD PUT UP SO DEVASTATING A BARRAGE.

On the journey from Iceland to Britain there was nothing to tell. With her escort screening her, the Prince of Wales, plunging ahead at speed, reached home safely after a most astounding trans-Atlantic voyage.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIA IN ACTION

"There is not a ship in the Royal Australian Navy that has not fired her guns in action."

"It has had its chance and you have seen the results — the Australian Navy is second to none," said Admiral Sir Ragnar Colvin, at the farewell on the eve of his departure for England, after having spent four years as the first naval member of the Common-

HEATED SUITS FOR DIVERS

With new electrically heated diving suits, insulated with glass cloth, divers will be able to descend deeper into the sea, stay down longer, and still retain clearer heads than they could before.

Formerly, a diver was supplied with ordinary air, which consists of a mixture of oxygen and Nitrogen. To overcome the pressure of many feet of water above, this has to be considerably compressed. Under these conditions, nitrogen dissolves in the blood and enters the tissues. If he then ascends too rapidly, and the pressure is reduced, the nitrogen comes out of the blood, and forms bubbles in the veins and arteries, causing intense pain. This is called the "bends."

When First Tested

By using in place of air a mixture of oxygen and helium, once rare gas, now used for filling balloons and airships, the danger of the bends is greatly reduced, because of the lessened tendency of helium to dissolve in the blood and body tissues. Also it has been found that divers can maintain mental clarity over a longer period and at greater depths with the helium mixture.

When it was first tried, however, divers found that they were much more sensitive to cold than formerly, and this, of course, hampered their work. Then electrically heated suits with normally insulated wires in the underwear worn by the diver, were tried. This resulted in fire danger, for the insulation is highly inflammable with so much oxygen present.

The new suits are insulated with fibreglas, which is cloth woven of thin glass fibres, and is non-inflammable. The wires are insulated with glass, and they are sewn with glass thread between two layers of fibreglas cloth in the diver's underwear.

DISAPPEARANCE OF A JUNK

Junk No. T4027H with a cargo of 1,500 bales of cotton goods valued at \$30,000, has disappeared from its mooring in the harbour, according to a report made to the police last night.

Kwang Yuk-chi, manager of the Han Kee Trading Company, No. 262, Des Voeux Road Central, owner of the cargo, stated that the junk which was anchored in the Yaumati Typhoon Shelter disappeared between 9 p.m. on Sunday and 7 a.m. yesterday.

NO DAYLIGHT ATTACKS BY HUNS

"There is nothing to report," states a Ministry of Home Security communiqué relating to enemy activity over Britain yesterday.—British Wireless.

British Naval Board.
He said that the progress of the Australian Navy had been smooth and harmonious; it was now thrice its pre-war size.—Reuter.

Red Army Unit Fights Way Out Of Encirclement

HOW A RED ARMY UNIT cut off by the enemy fought its way out and inflicted considerable loss on the enemy is told in a supplement to the Russian communique.

The unit, commanded by Commander Zagordonov, when cut off operated for 20 days in the rear of German troops and forced their way to territory held by the Red Army.

"Preserving their equipment, the Red Army men strove to cause the enemy the greatest possible losses. They mercilessly exterminated groups of German soldiers they met, destroyed transports, batteries, truck columns and headquarters and killed 240 Fascist soldiers."

"The commander of the unit and the political commissar led out of the encirclement 520 Red Army men including 25 wounded, without losing a single gun, machine-gun or rifle," states the supplement which also tells of the tough handling of two Nazi battalions by another Russian unit commanded by Major Bashmagov.

Air Dog-Fight

It says that Major Bashmagov's unit supported by two artillery batteries attacked the enemy near a village.

The Germans hurled tanks and armoured cars into a counter-attack. A Russian bomber squadron commanded by Captain Comaking took off to bomb the German machines.

Fighting between enemy machines and Soviet aircraft lasted an hour and a half and ended in the defeat of the Germans.

Sixteen German machines were destroyed. Panic broke out in the German ranks.

In this fighting, Major Bashmagov's unit inflicted heavy losses upon two German infantry battalions. About 500 Germans were killed and wounded and 120 taken prisoner while the booty taken included seven tanks and 11 guns.—Reuter.

SOVIET RAID IN HUNGARY

SOVIET PLANES, FLYING OVER SLOVAKIA, ATTACKED THE HUNGARIAN TOWN OF KOMORON IN DAYLIGHT YESTERDAY, SAYS THE BUDAPEST RADIO.

Ten bombs are said to have been dropped, some falling on the Danube and others on the suburban districts where two people were killed. Komoron, which was ceded to Hungary by Slovakia after Czechoslovakia was broken up, is some 600 miles from the nearest Russian-held territory.—Reuter.

CHRISTMAS PARCELS FOR PRISONERS

THE PRIME MINISTER OF NEW ZEALAND, MR. PETER FRASER, YESTERDAY VISITED THE MAIN LONDON PACKING CENTRE OF FOOD PARCELS FOR BRITISH PRISONERS OF WAR AND SAW CHRISTMAS PARCELS BEING WRAPPED AND DISPATCHED.

Each one of the 72,000 parcels contain a pudding, a double ration of chocolate, chocolate biscuits and rye biscuits, jam, margarine, roast pork and stuffing, a tin of beefsteak and tomato, and a Christmas cake.

All are in special Christmas wrappings, and contain a greetings card from the British Red Cross.—Reuter.

NEW AIR FERRY SERVICE

President Roosevelt disclosed yesterday that the delivery of aircraft to the British forces in the Middle East would be speeded up through a ferry-system conducted by Pan-American Airways.—Reuter.

MORAL DEPRESSION SAID PREVAILING IN GERMANY

According to the correspondent of the "Washington Times", American Consular representatives who arrived from Germany described the moral depression and disillusionment prevailing in Germany in connection with the failure of the blitzkrieg on U.S.S.R. They believe that the Nazi ring-leaders feel the necessity of some early and cheap victory in another direction to detract the attention of the population from failures on the Eastern front. Americans foretell that with this purpose in view the Germans may attempt to occupy the Atlantic coast of Spain and Portugal and capture French ports and bases.

In connection with these plans the position of the Vichy Government acquires a great importance. The latest reports, the correspondent continues, show that the Germans are now endeavouring to provoke disturbances in unoccupied France the same as they did some time ago in Rumania. The New Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Vichy Government is a Cagoulard. The French Legion of "Volunteers" formed for the struggle against U.S.S.R. is under the command of another Cagoulard, Deloncle, and this legion evidently is being deliberately detained in France as a nucleus for the formation of an army which would be able to overthrow Petain. It is stated, the correspondent concludes, that the support by the Germans of the politicians of the Deloncle variety resulted in a situation where even conservative elements intensified their resistance to the German demands.—Tass.

SUPERSTITIOUS THAT SOURED

Mrs. Willmore Trotter Jones, of Madison, Ga., has found and saved thousands four-leaf clovers. Nevertheless she has been in five automobile wrecks has lost three husbands and has suffered so many misfortunes that her neighbours call her "Calamity Jane."

Mrs. Neville Coleman refused to eat at a table set for thirteen people. She waited until the rest were through, and then sat down alone. Halfway through the meal, she was stricken with a fatal heart attack.

Lightning struck the barn of John Ingram of Sheridan, Ark., destroying the structure and two mules. Putting faith in the old saw that lightning never strikes twice in the same place, Ingram rebuilt the barn in the same location. Four weeks later lightning again struck the barn, and destroyed it and the new mules.

WOODEN LEG FOR THE ARMY

Twelve per cent of all draftees accepted by local draft boards have been rejected by the U.S. Army for physical defects.

Recently an Army induction officer found a Chicago draftee with a glass eye. Growled the disgusted medic: "Some of these come in here with a wooden leg."

Recently Negro James Brown, 25, appeared before the wary officer. Brown's draft board had given him a clean bill of health except for the notation: "Enlarged tonsils." Told to strip, he took his trousers off, revealed an artificial leg.

LESS FISH AND CHIPS

Fish friers may have to close one or two nights a week and others may have to go out of business because of the shortage of fats for frying.

TRIBUTE TO LORD WILLINGDON

A TRIBUTE TO THE WORK OF THE LATE LORD WILLINGDON IN CONNECTION WITH THE BOXER INDEMNITY FUND WAS PAID THIS MORNING BY MR. HAN LIH-WU, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE BOXER INDEMNITY BOARD.

"There are many achievements to the credit of the late Lord Willingdon, and not the least was the part he played in the return of the British Boxer Indemnity Funds," said Mr. Han.

Lord Willingdon visited China in 1926 as Chairman of the Delegation from the Boxer Indemnity Committee, and presented a very able report which laid down the principles on which the British Boxer Indemnity Funds could best be used.

"It would be fitting that, at an appropriate date, some way should be found permanently to record Lord Willingdon's services in determining an equitable disposal of these funds."

JAPANESE FOOD SHORTAGE

A SERIOUS FOOD SHORTAGE IN JAPAN WAS STRESSED YESTERDAY BY COLONEL LUANG VIRA YODHA, MILITARY ATTACHE TO THE THAI LEGATION IN TOKYO, WHO ARRIVED IN BANGKOK YESTERDAY ON HIS FIRST HOME LEAVE AFTER SEVEN YEARS IN JAPAN.

"I have gone without pork for the last three years because it simply cannot be had," he said in an interview.

"Once in a while I could get some other meat. Sugar is scarce. Milk is sold only to invalids and every morning there is a scramble for vegetables."

"The rice I had in Japan is of an inferior quality. I must now eat plenty of Thai rice as I have been famished for a very long time," he laughingly added.—Reuter.

JAPANESE REPULSED

THE JAPANESE DRIVE IN HONAN HAS BEEN REPULSED WITH HEAVY LOSSES, DECLARED THE CHINESE MILITARY SPOKESMAN AT YESTERDAY AFTERNOON'S PRESS CONFERENCE IN CHUNGKING.

He added that the Japanese launched their drive apparently to cover withdrawals and also in an attempt to disperse Chinese concentrations threatening Japanese advance bases.

Five thousand Japanese in Sinyang, important city on the Peiping-Hankow Railway, pushed north-westward towards Ping-chingwan. After six days' hard fighting, the spokesman declared, the Japanese were driven back to their original positions suffering 1,500 casualties.—Reuter.

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BRIDGE NOTES

OVERCOMING A BAD BREAK

By The Four Aces

Nobody really welcomes bad breaks, but one thing can be said for them: They show whether you have the right sort of stuff in you as no amount of good breaks would. We're moved to this sermonising by a hand sent in by Mr. Booker Linton, of St. Louis:

South, Dealer
North-South vulnerable

NORTH		EAST	
♠	K J 7 6 3	♠	Q 10 5
♥	10 4	♥	9 6 2
♦	9 7 4	♦	10 8 6
♣	Q 6 3	♣	K 9 5 2

WEST		SOUTH	
♠	K Q J 5 3	♠	A 9 8 4 2
♥	K Q 5 3 2	♥	A 8 7
♦	10 8 4	♦	A J
♣	A J 7	♣	A J 7

The bidding:
South West North East
1♠ 2♥ Pass Pass
Dbl. 3♦ 3♠ Pass Pass
4♠ Pass Pass Pass

"After winning the heart opening," writes Mr. Linton, who identifies South only as one of the players in his regular game, "South led the Ace of spades and discovered that he had a sure loser in trumps in addition to a loser in each of the red suits.

"Even if the club King lay under the Ace, there would still be a loser in the suit unless East could be forced to lead away from his King. So South led a heart back to West, won the diamond return, ruffed his last heart and put West in with a diamond. West led a third diamond, which South ruffed, and now the red suits were gone from South hands.

"South then led to dummy's King of spades and gave East his trump trick. East had to lead clubs, giving South his contract. Two club leads by West might have defeated the contract, but after all he was trying to protect his ten and his partner's holding in the suit."

Nevertheless, we think West should have led clubs; but we grant that for West to lead clubs as soon as he is given his first heart trick takes much imagination and confidence in South's ability to play the hand skillfully. In any case, South's ability to overcome the bad trump break demonstrated his skill as no number of lay-down hands could.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ Q J 5
♥ K J 7 3 2
♦ A Q 9
♣ 7 4

The bidding:
Jacoby Schenken Mator You
1♠ Dbl. 1♥ (7)

ANSWER: Double. The heart bid may be a "psychic" and you must show it up by taking prompt action. If it is a legitimate bid, you would be delighted to defend against one heart doubled.

Score 100% for double, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 798

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Jacoby Schenken Mator You
1♠ Dbl. 1♥ Dbl.
Pass Pass 2♠ (7)

What do you bid? (Answer

To-morrow.)

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FIRE FIGHTERS SAVE CITY'S CENTRE

(Continued from Page 8)

speeding through damaged streets, still hacking away at menacing obstructions. Doing all this when their eyes were rimmed with scarlet through smoke and fatigue, when they were soaked to the skin and their faces were caked with grime, when their lungs were filled with gas from broken mains and with smoke.

I was going to add, when they were hungry and thirsty. But wherever a motor vehicle could be taken to a fire-fighting centre, there a mobile canteen was taken. A mobile canteen operated by women as tired and brave as the firemen they served. A noble army of women did their best to see that firemen ate and drank.

The time has gone when London alone knew the horror of major air attacks. Liverpool had something like this Red Sunday for eight nights in succession. Plymouth suffered raids for five nights in a recent period of nine. Coventry, Manchester, Birmingham, Newcastle, Glasgow, Hull, Swansea, Cardiff—all these and others have known the horror of "blitzes," the full fury of the weapon with which Hitler hoped to blast his way to world conquest. But, though London and provincial cities are in the front together, London, focal point of national life, is different. When it is a question of "reprisal" raid, London is the target.

But London lives. Her people in a few areas did without water for a few days, without gas for a little longer, without telephones. They breathed air contaminated by smoke and escaping gas, so that it was a relief to go to districts unaffected by this raid. Much damage was done and many lives were lost.

But I saw enough of the "grim and gay" British temperament, as Mr. Churchill called it, to know that there are deep reserves of determination and resolute will to meet this danger from the skies.

A few days of discomfort, dust, and debris do not stop the rhythm of London life or the war effort.

FREE HUNGARY MOVEMENT

It is now confirmed that Tibor Eckhardt, the Hungarian Agrarian Leader, has been refused a visa to come to England, and is on his way to the United States.

Meanwhile the Free Hungarian movement in Britain lacks unity. The Monarchists rally around Otto von Habsburg, whose London representative is his brother Archduke Robert.

The Liberals are followers of Count Behlen. They include those members of the Hungarian Legation who have resigned and decided to stay in Britain. The Progressive Democrats are led by Count Michael Karolyi, who now has his headquarters in London.

Fourthly, there is a "Legion Movement," a non-party group which seeks to organise a Hungarian legion on the side of the Allies. It is led by Count Lonyai, who was Military Governor of the Ukraine in the last war.

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WARNED AGAINST NAZIS

Sir Horace Rumbold, who was Ambassador at Berlin from 1928 to 1933, died recently at Pyt House, Hisbury, Wilts, aged seventy-two.

In a dispatch to Sir John Simon, then Foreign Minister, in April, 1933, Sir Horace warned the British Government of the menace of Nazism.

In the dispatch he wrote: "He: Hitler has now been Chancellor for nearly three months—the prospect is disquieting, as the only programme which the Government appear to possess may be described as the revival of militarism and the stamping out of pacifism."

"He (Hitler) declares that he is anxious that peace should be maintained for a ten-year period. What he probably means can be more accurately expressed by the formula: Germany needs peace until she has recovered such strength that no country can challenge her without serious and irksome preparations."

"I, therefore, feel that Germany's neighbours have reason to be vigilant, and that it may be necessary for them to determine their attitude towards coming developments in this country sooner than they may have contemplated."

Sir Horace, who spoke nine languages, entered the diplomatic service at the age of nineteen, and had a long, varied, and brilliant career. He made a success of every job. His appointments, in addition to Berlin, included posts in Cairo, Teheran, Vienna, Munich, Tokyo, and Madrid.

NEGROES TO HAVE OWN AIR UNIT

The U.S. War Department announces that 10 young Negroes qualified as aviation cadets would begin training at Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Ala., as pilots for the 99th Pursuit Squadron.

The 99th will be the first tactical unit in the Army air forces composed of Negro soldiers.

Eventually 100 Negro aviation cadets will be in training annually to provide flyers for the 33-pilot squadron. The department said that an air base is being constructed at Tuskegee for the Negro squadron by a Negro architect and a Negro construction concern.

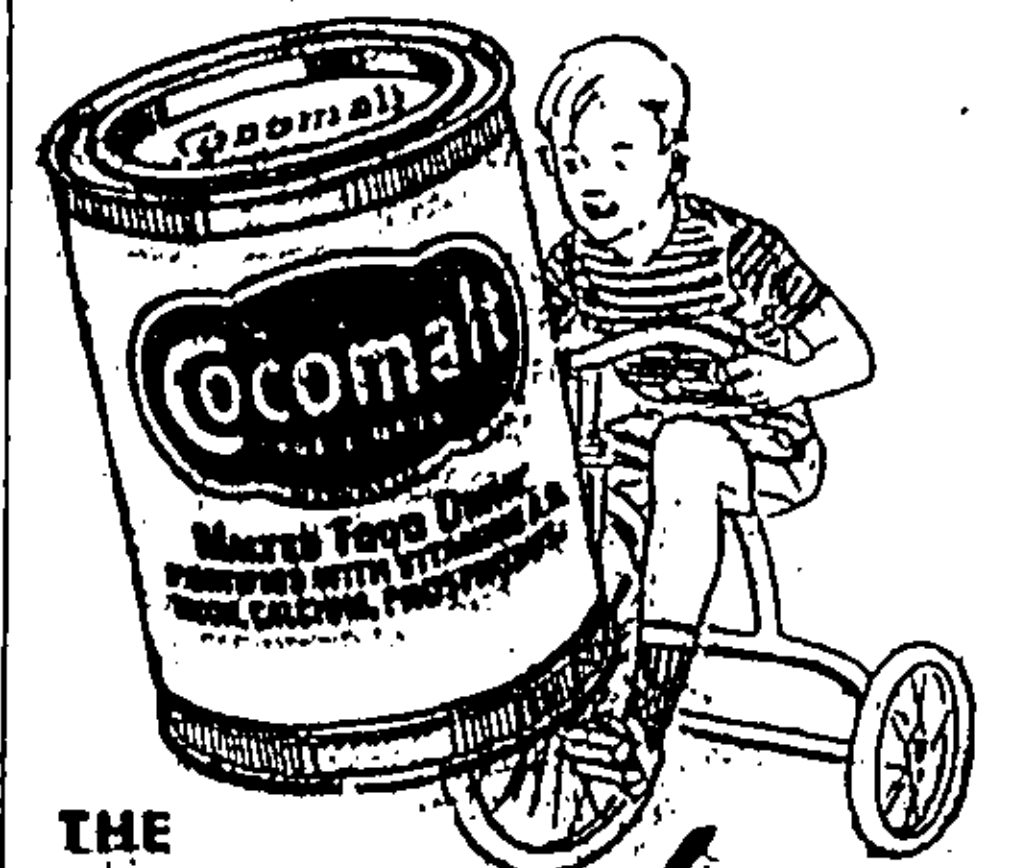
WHAT R.A.F. DID TO MANNHEIM

"A whole shoot of works" at Mannheim, the German industrial city of 200,000 people on the Rhine, have been wrecked and ruined by R.A.F. bombs, an American observer just back from Germany told me, writes Laurence Wilkinson to the "Daily Express" from Lisbon.

He added, "Any Englishman who could see what has been done there would feel that he had lost some of his grievances."

Among the major military objectives are the Lanzfabriken plant, where war machinery and tractors are made, and the Hano-magwerke motor factory which has taken a series of heavy blows in recent weeks.

Production at the Lanzfabriken works was stopped for some time as the clearing-up of the wreckage alone took several days.



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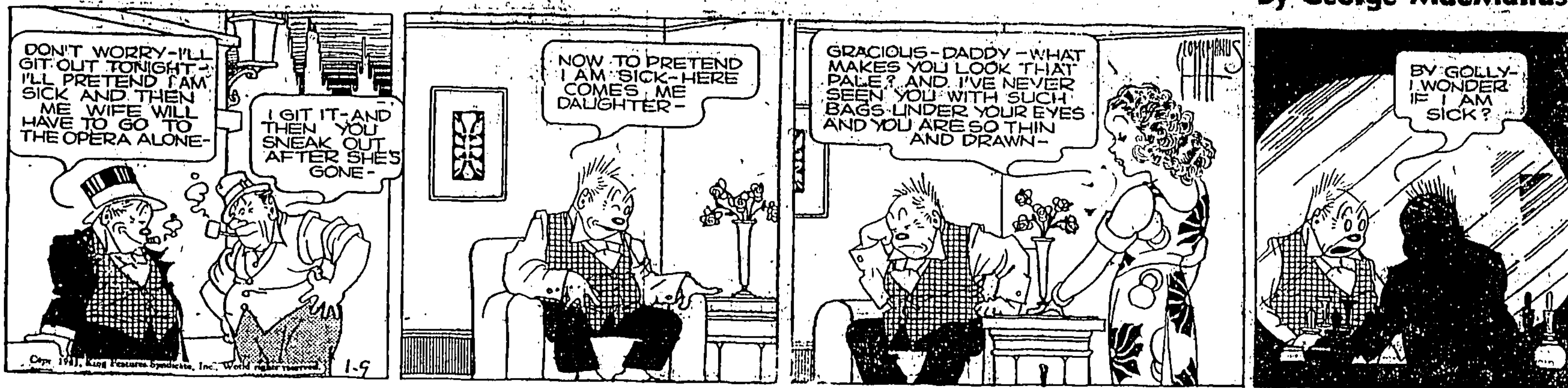
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Blame Overeating Habit

Statistics indicate that from ninety-five to ninety-eight per cent. of all overweight men and women have their lack of will-power only to blame for those cumbersome extra pounds. Only from three to five per cent. of the country's fatties actually suffer from a glandular disturbance which causes food to turn to fat. Overweight seems to be caused by nothing more or less than overeating!

Once a person gets into the habit of eating everything she desires at any time, it is most difficult to accept discipline. Scientific eating (a plan of menus and choice of foods to keep you fit and slim) demands that your meal hours be as regular as possible, that in-between sundaes and other snacks be discontinued, that you concentrate on fresh, simply prepared foods, particularly fresh vegetables and fruits, that you deny yourself rich foods which do not keep you healthy but do add unnecessary pounds, and that you exert will-power to learn to like foods which are good for you. Scientific eating wants you to have enough to eat, but it warns you against overeating.

Statistics also teach us that the lean man or woman lives longer and enjoys life more. Not the too thin person—but the lean man of normal weight and measurement and agility.

Inactivity is an invitation to eat more. That will surprise you, but it is true. Just think back on your last holiday. Didn't you have a ravenous appetite at meal time and didn't you think of taking a drink or a snack between meals? Yes, if you sit around with little to do it is very, very easy to make extra trips to the icebox and to think of all the good things you would like to eat. So Motto One—Keep busy between meals and do not think about food!

Why Fat People Are Not Healthy

The definitely overweight people are not healthy. Despite the amounts of food they consume the chances are they are not giving their bodies proper nutrition. Their appetites run to cream and sugar, luscious rich desserts, sauces and gravies, rich baked dishes, pastries, sundaes



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and sodas, big portions of meats to your life and much, much and breads. Particularly hot happiness. breads and tasty muffins.

Ask an overweight to eat a vegetable dinner, or a large mixed green salad at lunch time, with a glass of milk and a couple of slices of whole wheat bread and watch her frown! No soup? No meat? No desert? No iced coffee with whipped cream? Never!!! But such discipline is essential if you are going to turn over a new leaf and endeavour to refashion your figure, freshen your beauty, and be more alert for the good things there are in life. Whittling down those measurements is quite likely to add years

So why not begin to-day, and **MAKE YOURSELF FAT SENSIBLY.** Begin by eating smaller servings for one week. The next week substitute simple foods for rich foods. The next week deny yourself extra snacks and drinks. By that time you will begin to feel better and it will be simple to introduce more of the essential vitamin and mineral nourishment into your menus such as whole grains, fresh vegetables and fruits, lean meats, fish dishes, simple fruit desserts and salads of many mixtures. In two months time you will be a happy beauty!

The Bride's Scrapbook

Keeping things clean rather than making them clean is one of the secrets of an orderly, well-run home.

A few minutes a day spent in washing window sills, window frames, skirting-boards and other dust-catching wooden surfaces with soap and water are worth hours of work crowded into a single day.

Don't connect gas appliances with rubber hose. The rubber deteriorates in a short time and becomes porous, allowing gas to escape and endangering lives and property.

Only iron piping with solid joints, or that officially approved, is safe to use for gas.

Dirty clotheslines and clothes-pegs leave smudgings on freshly washed clothes, so both should have periodic washings. Put them in the copper and let them boil for a few minutes, or scrub on a rubbingboard with a firm brush after way.

a preliminary soaking.

Always use a dry cloth to remove hot glass dishes from the oven. A damp cloth may cause the utensil to crack and also may burn your hands. And always soak hot glass dishes in warm water.

Upholstered furniture should be well vacuumed, and moth-preventives should be placed or sprayed under cushions and in crevices. Before storing things in cupboards see that the cupboards are thoroughly washed, cleaned and disinfected.

If you have vegetable stains on your fingers rub them off with cut potato. Wash well in cold water.

To remove lipstick stains from linens, rub the stains well with soap. Let stand fifteen minutes or so, then wash out in the usual way.



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- Vocal—Yodelling Hobo (Ted & Extra); The Sunset Trail (Kennedy & Carr). The Hill Billies with own novelty accompaniment.
- 1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.
- 1.02 p.m.—Anton and The Paramount Theatre Orchestra with Al Bollington (Organ).
- The Gold Diggers of 1937—Selection (Warren & others); A Day At The Races—Selection (Kaper & Jurmann). Anton & The Paramount Theatre Orchestra.
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- 1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.
- 1.45 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections. "Words And Music"—Selection (Noel Coward). The New Mayfair Orch. Follow Through—Vocal Gems—Intro: But on Up Your Overcoat; My Lucky Star; I Want To Be Bad; You Wouldn't Fool Me, Would You? Light Opera Company with Orchestra.
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- Anything Goes—Selection (Cole Porter). Jack Hylton & his Orch.
- 2.15 p.m.—Close down.
- 6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.
- 6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
- 6.47 p.m.—Dance Music.
- Quick-Step—Roadhouse Revels; Slow Fox-Trot—Heaven Will Be Heavenly. Jack Hylton & his Orchestra.
- Fox-Trots—Boogie Woogie; Maxie; High Society. Bob Crosby & his Orchestra.
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- Fox-Trots—West End Blues; If It's Good Then I Want It. Louis Armstrong & his Orchestra.
- Waltzes—That Naughty Waltz; Missions Waltz. Victor Young & his Orchestra.
- 7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.
- 8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
- 8.15 p.m.—London Relay—War Commentary.
- 8.25 p.m.—London Relay—"L'Espresso Post". Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.
- 8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.
- 8.32 p.m.—Studio—Saxophone Recital by Palapo.
1. Simple Confession (Francis Thome)
2. Sonata No. 3 (G. F. Handel)
3. Melodie (Tchaikovsky)
4. Valse Vanite (Rudy Wiedoeft)
- 9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.
- 9.02 p.m.—Arztzenius—"At The Court Of Frederick the Great". Musica Antiqua. Sneakers; N. Dainton; C. Barrett; N. Angler; H. Sartor. Directed by Nicholas Roth.
- 9.25 p.m.—Orchestra Raymonde and Dania (Vocal). The Dancing (Ewing); Poupee Valsante (Poldini). Orchestra Raymonde.
- La Fille Aux Matislots (Diamant Berger & Reale); Tu Ne Sais Pas Almer-Waltz. Dania with Orchestra in Vienna (Arr. G. Walter). Orchestra Raymonde.
- 9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).
- 9.45 p.m.—Marcel Palotti at the Organ. La Danza (Rossini); Musica Proibita (Gastaldon); Feramors—Dance of the Brides of Kashmir (Rubinstein); Sylvia Ballet—Fantasy (Debussy).
- 10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.
- 10.15 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—"Fighter Pilot". A Radio Impression of part of the work of the R.A.F. Flying Training Command written and produced by Cecil McGivern.
- 10.48 p.m.—Military Band Concert with Raymond Newell (Baritone).
- Fanfare; Kneller Hall Musicians. Follow Me (Omer Barrack-Room Ballad (Kling & Ward-Hicks). Raymond Newell with Orchestra.

PRESS IN EXILE PUSHES FIGHT ON HITLERISM

THIN SHEETS of paper, printed once a week in London in a variety of languages, are playing an important part in the struggle against Hitlerism.

Through these official gazettes and papers, the governments-in-exile now allied with Great Britain are knitting a war effort that reaches into every corner of the globe.

Gathered in exhibit at the Library of Congress, these Polish, Czechoslovakian, Netherlands, Norwegian, Free French, Belgian, and Luxemburgian publications are a graphic reminder of men's determination to regain and maintain their freedom, no matter if the battle must be fought far from home.

The papers fall into two classes. The first is the more formal official gazette in which the government-in-exile prints its decrees, registers formal protests against enemy actions, and which serves as a means of communication among its officials in all parts of the world. The second is the more homey newspaper, printed for exiles far from family and homes and dealing primarily in encouraging statements from Britain and native sources. The latter publication also reports on the activities of exile groups.

Paper For Soldiers

A good example of the latter type is the Polska Walczaka, published weekly in London for Polish soldiers abroad. In its Christmas issue, which was outstanding for beautiful woodcut-like illustrations on its front page, it contained holiday greetings from the President of the Republic, the Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces, and the Chairman of the National Council.

The woodcuts, reminiscent of the soldier's homeland and of the present stern duties before him, contrasted the star of Bethlehem and a flight of bombers, a Polish peasant playing his violin before a village church, and a Polish soldier on guard against the chalk cliffs of England.

Poland is the first to be represented by an Official Gazette, which was issued at Paris on September 25, 1939, containing the proclamations issued in Poland on September 17, 1939, transferring the seat of government to the territory of a friendly ally and the executive power to the Polish Ambassador in Rome. Other numbers exhibited show the Polish law collection as first issued in France on Oct. 31, 1939, and as last issued on April 30, 1940, as well as the final issue of the Polish Gazette in France, dated May 20, 1940.

The first number of the Polish Law Gazette printed in London is dated Jan. 21, 1941. Two issues of the weekly issued in London by the Polish Ministry of War for the Polish forces abroad also are shown.

Czechoslovakian Gazette

For Czechoslovakia, the first number of the Official Gazette-in-Exile is dated Paris, Jan. 1, 1940, and contains the agreement between the French Government and the Provisional Czechoslovak Government concerning the establishment of the Czechoslovak Army in France.

The origins of the Czechoslovak Government-in-Exile are exhibited in the official paper for the Czechs and Slovaks abroad first issued in Paris on April 28, 1939, some weeks after the invasion of Czechoslovakia. Under date of May 20, 1940, the final issue of the Official Gazette appeared in France. The next issue was printed at London on Dec. 4, 1940, the Government having been recognised as functioning in England by the British Government on July 21, 1940.

For Belgium, the first issue of the Official Gazette of the Government-in-Exile in France is for May 18-30, 1940, and contains the Cabinet decree announcing that the King, under the power of

The Old Frog Pond—Characteristic (Alford); Parade of the Elephants—Characteristic (Chenette). Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards cond. by Capt. George Miller.

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11.15 p.m.—Close down.

the invader, was unable to reign. The first issue of the Belgian Gazette-in-Exile in England bears the date Nov. 22, 1940.

Norse Document

For the Netherlands, the Dutch Gulana Official Gazette of May 17, 1940, contains a telegram of the previous day from the Dutch Minister of Colonies to the authorities at Paramaribo announcing that the Netherlands Government was exercising from London its full authority over the unoccupied parts of the Kingdom. The first number of the Dutch Official Gazette to appear in London bears the date May 24, 1940.

For Norway, the first issue of the Law Gazette was printed in England on Aug. 15, 1940. This was a revision of the number issued in Norway on May 9, 1940, which contained the orders issued in April beginning with the invasion on April 9. Under date of Aug. 30, 1940, the Norwegian Department of Foreign Affairs began publication at London of a weekly for Norwegians in England.

For the Free French forces under the leadership of General de Gaulle in London, the publication of an Official Journal began on Jan. 20, 1941. French Equatorial Africa, organised on Sept. 1, 1940, as Free French Africa, by the representative of General de Gaulle, began issuing its Official Journal at Brazzaville on Sept. 15, 1940.

The latest of the exiled gazettes is represented by the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg, dated Feb. 15, 1941, containing decrees issued by the Grand Ducal Government-in-Exile at Montreal.

FELINE PLURALIST

I have just heard of a disgraceful case of pluralism in the Government service, writes a London correspondent.

It appears that a large black cat which frequented a Home Guard post not far from the Admiralty was adopted by the H.G. personnel manning the post. It was finally placed on the pay-roll, receiving an allowance of half a pint of milk daily from the platoon fund.

Then it was discovered that while in receipt of these emoluments from the War office the cat was also on the strength of the Royal Navy. It was, in fact, the official Admiralty cat, drawing pay and allowances for milk and cat's meat of 1s 6d a week.

The allowance used to be only 1s. Some time ago it was raised to meet the increased cost of living, though not without controversy.

Pepysian Precedent

One Admiralty official went so far as to minute that "in view of the need for national economy and the present situation in the fur trade, this type of destroyer should be put on the disposal list."

The Permanent Under-Secretary commented:

It may not be realised that the marking of this paper is in accordance with the directions of my first predecessor in office, Mr. Samuel Pepys, who said that not even a cat should swing in the Navy Office but he should know it.

The First Lord of the day finally decided in favour of the cat, with the note that "considerations of humanity preclude any further delay in coming to a decision in this matter."

The conduct of this feline pluralist is therefore without excuse. The scandal, however, is now at an end. The Home Guard post has been moved beyond the range of the cat's normal peregrinations. It now draws pay only from the Admiralty.

I.R.C. BEAT K.I.T.C.

At King's Park, Indian Recreation Club beat Kowloon Indian Tennis Club by 7 sets to 2 in Fourth Division of Lawn Tennis League on Sunday.

Y. J. Khan and K. S. Mehal (K.I.T.C.) lost to M. S. Hussain and M. I. Razack 2-6
beat M. H. Hassan and A. J. Sufiad 6-2
lost to G. Singh and K. Singh 2-6
Jahan Dad and G. M. Khan (K.I.T.C.) lost to Hussain and Razack 3-6
beat Hassan and Sufiad 6-2
lost to Singh and Singh 2-6
S. S. Ramchand and K. Tirth (K.I.T.C.) lost to Hussain and Razack 3-6
lost to Hassan and Sufiad 2-6
lost to Singh and Singh 1-6

Table T. Date

	Sets	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
S.C.A.A.	10	10	0	0	74	16	20	
C.C.C.	10	9	1	0	72	17	18	
C.H.C.	9	7	2	0	54	26	14	
F.C.	10	7	3	0	58	29	14	
I.R.C.	10	5	4	1	40	29	11	
A.T.C.	9	4	4	1	45	36	9	
P.O.R.C. (1)	10	4	6	0	40	50	2	
C.B.A.	7	2	5	0	23	36	2	
P.O.R.C. (2)	8	1	7	0	14	58	2	
J.R.C.	9	1	8	0	26	55	2	
K.I.T.C.	10	0	10	0	91	80	0	

THREE-DAY GALA CONCLUDED

The three-day charity gala at Chung Sing Benevolent Society's bathing pavilion was concluded last night.

Messrs. Pak Kiu-wing and Yee Chau-sui, noted stage stars, entertained with a variety of Chinese songs.

Following gave swimming exhibitions:

Fancy Diving: So Yan, Kuo Ku-kui, Lam Ka-tung, Wong Wing-woon (C.B.C.)

50 Metres Butterfly Stroke:—Ng Nin (Sing Tao)

100 Metres Breast Stroke:—Miss Li Po-luen (South China)

BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Two games were played yesterday in the Open Basketball League. Wah Kiu easily beating Trojans 64 points to 32 and Y.M.C.A. beating Victor a Recreation Club 51-46.

TABLE TO DATE

	P	W	L	Pts
Chinese Y.M.C.A.	4	4	0	8
South China	3	3	0	6
Wah Kiu	3	3	0	6
Sing Tao	3	2	1	4
National University	3	2	1	4
Youths	3	2	1	4
Residents' Union	3	2	1	4
Black Cats	3	2	1	4
Indian Police	3	1	2	2
Bank Union	3	1	2	2
Yu Leung	4	1	3	2
V.R.C.	3	0	3	0
Trojans	4	0	4	0
Ping Ching	4	0	4	0



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BISHOP ASSAILS PACIFISM

In answer to 64 students and faculty members of the General Theological Seminary who are on record in opposition to the United States entry into the war, Bishop Hunter Wyatt Brown, of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Harrisburg, Pa., bitterly assailed pacifist tendencies in the U.S. at the baccalaureate service at the Seminary.

The 64 students and faculty members, in a letter to the "New York Times" on May 21, criticised appeals for all-out aid to Britain by Bishop William T. Manning, charging his views did not represent the entire Episcopal Church. Bishop Brown, a member of the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies and the Fight for Freedom Committee, disputed the

statement by the Seminary group that this was not a "holy war."

"You are going out into the world to fight against sin," Bishop Brown said. "I ask you for the sake of your country, for the sake of your church, for the sake of the poor, sin-wracked weary world, that when you go out you preach the gospel of Christ as you understand it. And I ask you to remember that your Saviour forgave the sins of the flesh, but one sin that he never forgave was the sin of neutrality—the right to distinguish between right and wrong."

Simultaneously, Kenneth Lee, Editor of the Protestant Digest, in a signed editorial in the issue of the Digest just out urges an immediate declaration

"World leadership must move definitely into Roosevelt's hands," he declared. "War aims must ring out over the world—not abstractions, but definite concrete commitments ending imperialism and instituting world union and world police enforcing world law. It is not enough that the English-speaking Nations unite. They must march together to a destination—not huddle together like sheep for the slaughter."

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TENNIS CAPTAIN MAY TURN TO FOOTBALL

Training Presents Problem

Ho Wing-tsun, captain of South China Athletic Association's Second Division Tennis team, is seriously contemplating taking up soccer again this Winter, the only doubt at the moment being whether he will be able to spare the time for training.

When he was at Lingnan University, Canton, and later, when he went to the Philippines to study dentistry at the National University, he played a great deal of soccer and was captain of the Chinese Students' football team in the Philippines. He remembers particularly two tournaments, in both of which a series of three games were played, the Chinese students losing the first by 2 goals to 1 and winning the second by the same margin.

Full-Back Position

Ho's position is at full-back and last year he took part in a number of miniature football games for Chinese Recreation Club. He avers that miniature football is even more strenuous than its "elder brother" in that it is a much faster game, and one which also calls for more accurate ball control.

At tennis Ho and his partner in the League, W. T. Lee, won the Kwangtung Province doubles championship some five years ago, but since has been much too occupied with his work to be able to devote the necessary time for competitions of this nature.

Hwa Yee captured Shanghai's "A" Division International Table Tennis Association League championship, when they outplayed Ching Yuen in the final play-off at the Russian Auxiliary Detachment S.M.P. hall by 13-9. The champions completed their League schedule with a clean record of seven straight wins, and were presented the Baker Cup at the conclusion of the match. Ching Yuen were the runners-up, and were given a cup donated by Mr. P. C. Yu, vice-president of the Association.



HO WING-TSUN

RECORD WEIGHT IN RING

The ring at the Carlton Stadium, Sydney, must have carried a world's record weight for any boxing contest, when Les McNabb, 19-year-old Lithgow boxer, weighed in at 21st 12lb, his opponent, Army champion Joe Dodds 14st 7lb, and the referee, Mr. J. Wallis, 15 stone, a total weight of 719lb.

It was the first time Mr. Wallis was ever dwarfed in a boxing ring.

There is no authentic record of an Australian boxer having equalled McNabb's weight. He is nine stone heavier than the heavyweight champion, Billy Britt, and four stone heavier than Tony Galento, biggest boxer to contest a world's championship in recent years.

The contest ended early in the second round, when McNabb knocked out Dodds.

McNabb, a son of a local hotelkeeper, is 19 years of age. He is under 6 feet, but is built on the most generous proportions.

There's another Cooney with baseball aspirations. Johnny Cooney, veteran outfielder of Boston Braves, has reason to be proud of his lanky son, Jack, who plays with Sarasota High School. Jack was one of the stars of the Florida interscholastic tournament.

The soccer referees' class at Scandal Point Hall yesterday was exceptionally well attended by both the Services and Civilians. About 25 persons attended the lecture, which was given by Lieut. L. G. Crossby, R.A. and among the Civilians present were Lau Ting-po, E. Lau, Monson Lim, Cheung Yau-sang, Tsang Sik-chin and Winson Yu.

BREAST-STROKE RECORD

In the course of a swimming meet at Marseilles recently the French swimmer Natche broke the world's record for the 200 Metres breast-stroke, covering the distance in 2 minutes 38.8/10 seconds.

His previous record was held by the American, J. Kasey, with a time of 2 minutes 37.2 seconds.

Needle Tennis Match

A very important Second Division Lawn Tennis League game will be played this afternoon when South China meet Chinese Recreation Club at King's Park.

At present South China are leading by one point, which Chinese Recreation Club dropped unexpectedly to Army Tennis Club last week, and a win is therefore essential to Chinese Recreation Club as South China are not expected to drop any points in their last game, against Army Tennis Club, whom they play next week.

It is interesting to note that K. H. Ip, who beat Tsui Yan-pui in the Semi-Final of the singles championship of Chinese Recreation Club, will be playing for South China.

Following is to-day's Second Division programme and some of the teams:

S.C.A.A. v. C.R.C.
S.C.C.C. v. A.T.C.
K.T.G.C.A. v. K.C.C.
C.R.C. v. D. C. Luk and L. F. Hon;
S. W. Laing and K. T. Lal; H. N. Chau and C. Wei.
K.C.C. v. F. Grose and N. A. E. Mackay; Baker and A. Gillard; E. Zimmerman and A. Zimmerman.
S.C.C.C. v. I. Agafuroff and J. A. Bendall; B. Agafuroff and W. J. Skinner; C. Sloan and M. Yatskin.
S.C.A.A. v. Ho Wai-hing and Lee Wai-chol; Yip Kung-hung and Dew Chok-hin; B. Szeto and Ho Wing-tsun.

KOWLOON FOOTBALL CLUB ENJOY VERY SATISFACTORY YEAR

MEMBERS OF KOWLOON FOOTBALL CLUB WILL BE PRESENTED WITH A VERY SATISFACTORY REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET FOR THE SEASON 1940-1941 AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CLUB ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 29 AT 6 P.M.

SCHOOLS' AQUATIC HEATS

Heats for five events of the Inter-Schools Swimming sports under the auspices of the Victoria Recreation Club were swum yesterday. Heats for the other events will be held to-day, commencing at 7 p.m.

Following were the results of yesterday's heats:

SENIOR BOYS
100 Yards free-style:—Heat No. 1: 1. J. Gomes (La Salle) and Wm. Teo (St. Stephen's) (dead heat). Time: 65 secs. Heat No. 2: 1. Donald Young (St. Joseph's); 2. Andrew Fung (St. Joseph's); 3. G. Rosset (D.B.S.). Time: 69 4/5 secs.

100 Yards breast-stroke:—Heat No. 1: 1. Kwong Chiu-sheung (La Salle); 2. Lee Cheuk-lam (Nam Wah). Time: 85 secs. Heat No. 2: 1. Chan Koon-tsan (St. Joseph's); 2. Kwong Yiu-wing (La Salle); 3. G. Wong (La Salle). Time: 86 secs.

100 Yards back-stroke:—Heat No. 1: 1. A. V. Lopes (La Salle); 2. Andrew Fung (St. Joseph's); 3. Ip Ting-yue (St. Stephen's). Time: 78 4/5 secs. Heat No. 2: 1. J. Gomes (Salle); 2. Boone Slong-loy (St. Stephen's). Time: 87 2/5 secs.

Dividing 3-Metre Board:—1. Ng Shu-hoo (St. Stephen's); 2. J. Anderson, Jr. (St. Joseph's).

JUNIOR BOYS
50 Yards free-style:—Heat No. 1: 1. K. Thomas (St. Stephen's); 2. W. Ribeiro (La Salle); 3. A. Marques (La Salle). Time: 33 2/5 secs. Heat No. 2: 1. Wong Peng-ku (St. Stephen's); 2. Chen Yen-free (St. Stephen's). Time: 37 4/5 secs.

Football Peace Now In Sight

If complete peace comes to end the football war of recent weeks, it will mean a busy week for officials, as, following a meeting yesterday, it was agreed that the Football League president, Mr. W. C. Cuff, and Mr. W. J. Cearns are to meet representatives of the London clubs, probably to discuss an alternative scheme, and English football is due to start eight days later.

There is no need to repeat how the trouble started, beyond the fact that the London clubs, objected, on grounds of lengthy travel, to the Football League arrangements and formed their own league among 11 clubs, together with five near London sides. The whole 16 thereupon surrendered membership of the League, according to that body, but an alternative scheme whereby Londoners took in other southern clubs brought about the peace moves.

Yesterday, Mr. George Allison, representing the London clubs, travelled to Derby to meet League representatives, and very friendly discussions of the difficulties took place. The president made certain proposals, including one to the effect that the suggested addition of the other clubs be operative only for the first half of the season.

In the second half the teams would be free to make their own arrangements, when the first 10 matches will rank as the qualifying round for the League War Cup, for which all London clubs will be reinstated.

Adopting these proposals would mean the immediate restoration of the southern clubs to membership of the League and would not interfere with the London War Cup already arranged.

In order that the matter can be placed before the London clubs in detail, Messrs. Cuff and Cearns have consented to meet the London representatives, when a more detailed explanation of the compromise proposals can be given.—
Reuter.

Other Sport On Page 13

HARRIS AND SOUTAR WIN EASILY

At Kowloon Bowling Green Club, W. B. Harris and A. Soutar, of Police Recreation Club beat A. E. Perry and J. M. Jack, of Kowloon Cricket Club, by 34-13 in the Third Round of Colony Lawn Bowls Pairs Championship.

Scoring at 14 ends, Police pair led 13-0 at the 10th and with 4-2-1-3 took the lead 18-3-6 at the 16th. Kowloon Cricket Club pair scored a four at the 10th to reduce the lead to 34-11, and the losers registered a brace at the last.

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At Craigiepower Cricket Club, N. J. Bebbington and J. F. McGowan beat W. J. Burling and M. N. Rakusen, by 10-17 in their postponed Third Round match in the Colony Lawn Bowls Pairs championship.

Major Louis Stubbendorf, winner of equitation events in the Olympic Games of 1936, was killed in action on the Eastern front.

The year's working showed an excess of income over expenditure amounting to \$3,157.26, while a Rebuilding Reserve, which by adding interest at 4 per cent. will amount to \$12,000 in 20 years as from June, 1937, has accumulated to \$1,711.25 as at 30th June, 1941. The cost of the Bowling Green has now been wiped out.

Gate receipts from football matches show a slight increase on the previous year.

The membership of the Club stands at 102, there being 21 new members during the year.

Mr. R. Hall, chairman of the Club, left the Colony on retirement during the year and Mr. B. D. Evans was elected to his place.

The football ground is reported to be in excellent condition and, in spite of continuous football and softball games, should be in a good state for the coming season.

The Club entered two teams in the Football League. The senior team started well but injuries caused a falling off in their League position at the end of the year. The Club met with more success in the Lawn Bowls League finishing as runners-up in Second Division.

SCHOOL FOOTBALL LEAGUE IS AGAIN BEING DISCUSSED

In spite of the fact that school sport in the Colony is practically at a standstill at the moment, due to the Summer holidays, enough interest has been aroused by the forthcoming inter-schools swimming gala, sponsored by Victoria Recreation Club, to inspire discussion regarding the desirability of resuscitating the now defunct Inter-Schools' Football League, and other forms of organised sport.

This Schools' League (Senior and Junior divisions) proved very popular in the old days until frayed tempers, consequent upon exceptionally close competition for honours, marred the progress of a few matches, and it was then decided that the League be abandoned.

Given proper control of the games, however, there is no reason to doubt why a Schools' League cannot be run smoothly, though much depends on the boys themselves.

HOCKEY ON ROLLER SKATES

Following are the results of matches played yesterday in the Hockey on roller skates League for the "Chin Yin Yat Po" Cup:—

Panthers	0	Cyclones	1
H.K. Skating Club "B"	0	Kowloon Skating Club "B"	6
King's (Nih.)	1	Empress Rink (C. L. Ching, K. M. Chang, W. M. Mar)	4

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Biltz	4	4	0	0	12	2	8
K.S.C. "B"	5	3	1	1	10	4	7
Cyclones	3	2	0	1	3	2	4
Panthers	4	2	0	2	2	2	4
Empress	4	2	0	2	8	5	4
Buccannars	4	2	0	2	9	0	4
H.K.S.C. "A"	2	1	1	0	2	1	3
H.K.S.C. "B"	4	1	0	3	4	3	2
King's	3	0	0	3	2	0	0
K.S.C. "A"	3	0	0	3	3	1	0

Luke Appling, White Sox veteran, has a "lifetime" major league batting average of .316. But in his 12 years with the Chicago club he has hit only 24 home runs.

"Big Bill" Tilden, who recently aroused a storm of protest by naming the late Suzanne Lenglen as the greatest woman tennis player of all time, over the claims of Helen Wills, Rorie and Alice Marble, whom many regard as better than the French woman, has now created what might well be another controversy as far as the tennis players are concerned. He has named Donald Budge as the greatest player the courts have ever seen.

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ELEVEN CHANCES IN INFIELD BUNGLED BY U.S. NAVY: LOSE 5 TO 4

By "Grandstand"

THE FULL PROGRAMME OF FOUR TILTS WAS PLAYED OFF AT RAILWAY CORNER DURING THE WEEK-END, ALL-STARS NOSING OUT U.S. NAVY 5 TO 4 IN THE FIRST OF THEIR FIVE-GAME CHARITY SERIES ON SATURDAY, WHILST PORTUGAL ELIMINATED CANADA FROM THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES WITH A CONVINCING VICTORY OF 17 TO 9.

Chung Hwa and Mindanao wound up their League fixtures, the former earning a hard-fought 8 to 4 win over Royal Engineers, whilst the pennant-winning Mindanaoans shellacked South China for 16 blows to triumph over the Caroliners 15 to 7.

Losing U.S. Navy hurler Lou Pawloski chucked a four-bitter, but did not have support from his mates behind him, who bungled no less than eleven (count 'em) chances in the infield.

Wally Ching, who worked on the hill for the victors, was nicked for eight blows, which included "Greasy" Moore's four-master with one aboard Ching fanned four and walked one, whilst the Potent Polack, toiling on the slab for the sailors, whiffed three and issued no passes.

The blue-jackets drew first blood as Hank "Crooner" Ruel singled, advanced to third on Pawloski's dump and romped over the platter with the first tally.

Tony Mascavage singled whilst Ray Wilson drew a pass to load the sacks, but hurler Wally Ching pulled himself out of a hole by whiffing Bowersox with three straight pitches.

All-Stars Lead

Taking advantage of four errors and two safeties, the All-stars climbed back into the lead with a cluster of three markers. In the next frame the sailors slithered the lead with a single counter. In the third canto, Hank All shoe-strangled Pawloski's long hoist, to feature a no-run inning. The All-stars chalked up another tally in their half of the semester to draw ahead 4-2, but "Greasy" Moore poled out a round-tripper in the next with one on, to dead-lock the count.

The tie-breaker came in the fifth when Souza rapped out a double and carried the mail over the plate on Wally Ching's sacrifice bunt. In the sixth both sides couldn't produce another tally.

Coming up for their last turn with the hickory, Lou Pawloski grounded out, but Tony Mascavage lashed the horse-hide for a single. Mack McKenzie took one on his side and trotted down to first.

With the winning run on the fly path, Ray Wilson tapped out a feeble roller, whilst Tony "Peewee" Alves swallowed Bowersox's easy pop fly to end the game.

Tony's Big Day

The big gun of the day was Tony Mascavage with a three-in-four performance, which included a triple, but "Greasy" Moore accounted for the only circuit clout by belting one through the centre-field fence.

George Souza, also came in for a share of the day's batting honours with a double and a triple.

The ditch in the foul territory along the first base line claimed its second victim of the season, when first-sacker "Crooner" Ruel severely sprained a ligament when he disappeared in the nullah as he was chasing after Gerry Gosano's foul hoist. The Crooner was at the ball park again the next day, hopping around on crutches.

Glut of Errors

Chung Hwa Maroons notched a victory at the expense of Royal Engineers, to wind up the season in the first bracket.

Both sides bungled six fielding chances, but the Maroons collected 10 blows off hurler Mack Shaw with telling effect, whilst "Sarge" Welford's Saps

pers could only account for four safeties off moundsman Al Lau, who struck-out five and walked eight, whilst Shaw fanned two and passed four Laumen to first.

Opportunities Wasted

The Maroons broke into the scoring column in the initial canto on a walk and a single, and held the Sappers scoreless for two frames. In the third the Laumen produced three markers on a trio of safeties, coupled with three miscues, whilst the Engineers broke the ice with a tally when Bob Foley scampered home on Mack Shaw's sizzling grounder. The Maroons piled on two more runs in the next frame, and one in each of the fifth and seventh to clinch the game. The Sappers started a rally in the sixth with ducks in the pond, but "Keen-eye" Grant failed to come through with a bingle, and again in the last chapter, when the bases were soused, Mickey Sarsfield grounded out to end the fracas.

Bill Chang earned batting honours with a three-in-four performance, including a three-bagger, whilst Al Lau and Babe Chinn also came through with extra-base clouts, the former slamming out a triple, whilst the latter poked the onion for a double.

Two "M" Pitchers

The pennant-winning Mindanao utilized two hurlers before they triumphed over the Caroliners 15 to 7 with scoring sprees in the last three chapters.

Pilot Lou Pawloski fielded a scratch team and was scared for five frames when they could manage only a one-run lead over the weak Nam Hwamen Mound maestro Pawloski took over slab duties in the fifth and blanked the Caroliners for the rest of the scuffle, whilst his mates chalked up seven markers in the last two cantos to freeze the game.

"Greasy" Moore had a perfect batting day with four-in-four, which included a couple of two-baggers, whilst Mack McKenzie's four-in-five included a triple.

Tony Mascavage was nicked for four blows during his tenure of four frames, whilst Pawloski doled out only one single in three innings. Nam Hwa hurler Paul Lau conceded a new high of 16 blows.

Comedy Of Errors

In a comedy of errors, the Portuguese trounced the Canadians 17 to 9 in Sunday's night-cap.

Gerry Gosano, working on the hill, fanned 10 and walked one, whilst Maple Leaf twirler Den Cray whiffed seven and passed five. Keystoneer Zinio Gosano returned the best hickory performance with a healthy three-in-five, which included a couple of two-baggers and a triple, whilst Canuck second-sacker Tom Tomashovsky clouded in the only round-tripper of the scuffle.

Dan Fittinghoof, third-baseman-cum-short-stop bungled six out of the seven chances that came his way to set up an all-time high in miscues.

League Table To Date

	W.	L.	Pctg.
U.S.S. Mindanao	8	1	.883
"H.B."	4	1	.800
Chung Hwa	6	3	.667
U.S.S. Asheville/Tulsa	1	1	.500
H.K. Baseballers	3	5	.375
Royal Engineers	2	7	.222
South China	1	7	.125

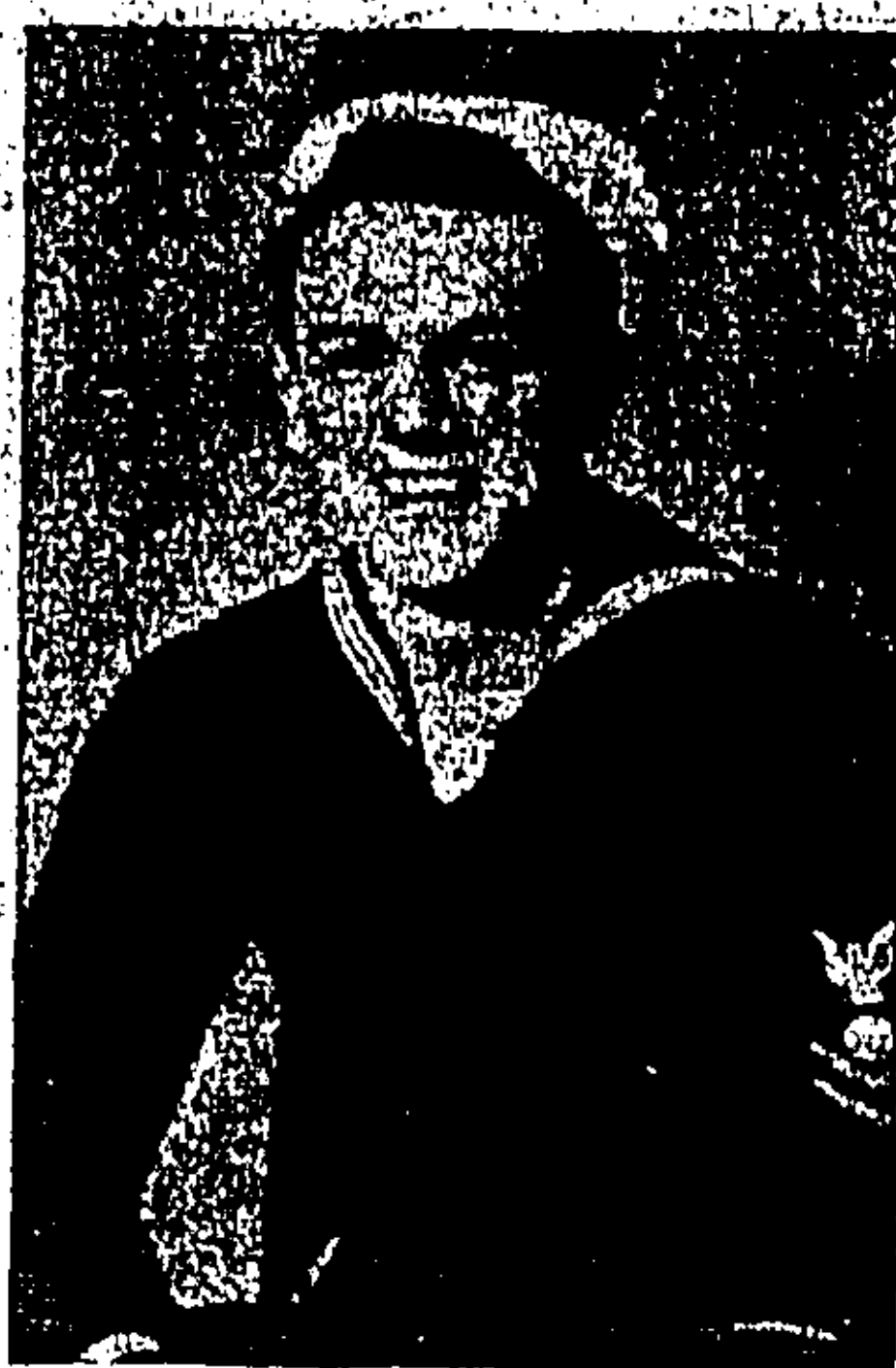
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WOMAN BOWLER ROLLS TRIPLE OF 662

Mrs. Nancy Huff, who began bowling only two years ago, rolled the third highest singles series in the 24-year history of the Women's International Bowling Congress.

During a miss in her 30 frames, the Los Angeles woman rolled 662, to take first place by 23 pins. She started with 270, only one less than the W.B.C. one-game record established on May 5 by Mrs. Marian Gorman, of Detroit. The Congress 30-frame record is 712, rolled by Marie Clemenson of Chicago in 1934.

Mrs. Huff, mother of a 7-year-old daughter, opened with a double, spared, then hit eight straight strikes. Her other scores were 102 and 104.



Tony Mascavage had a 3-in-4 performance, including a triple, against the All-Stars on Saturday.

JENKINS IN GREAT FORM

J. C. Jenkins, member of the Shanghai Interport cricket team that visited the Colony in 1936, was in fine all-round form recently in Shanghai when, playing for Shanghai Cricket Club against Parsee C.C., he took 5 wickets for 39 runs and then went on to score 68 to give his side victory by 6 wickets.

Jenkins was very harsh on anything short of a length and his 68, scored out of 100, included two sixes and 10 fours. Scores were:—Parsee C.C.: 81 (F. R. Kermani, 20; M. J. Divecha, 18; J. C. Jenkins, 8 for 39; H. E. Orr, 4 for 12). S.C.C.: 145 (J. C. Jenkins, 68; J. B. Brown, 20; Divecha, 8 for 40).

Red Cochrane, welterweight boxing champion of the world, has been matched against Lew Jenkins for a non-title bout at Madison Square Garden on October 3.

£42,000 Goes Into Newmarket 'Tote'

More than £42,000 was put through the Totalisator in the two days' Racing at Newmarket in the week April 29 to May 2, about two thirds of the takings of £67,130 on the Two Thousand and One Thousand Guineas days at Newmarket in the season before the war. Betting in the rings probably equalled the Tote figure.

Racing men, however, declare that without public support the Racing industry must die. Yearlings in England are already being knocked down at £5 and £10,

AUSTRALIANS ADMIRE "NIJINSKY" SOCCER OF THE CHINESE PLAYERS

The yellow ball spun just beyond the reach of Cheung Wing-choi's outstretched fingers, and in spite of the footwork of Hyui and Fung and Tsao it was over, writes an Australian correspondent.

Thus 22,000 people at Sydney Cricket Ground saw the Chinese soccer team fight within an ace of victory against New South Wales.

Many hundreds of Sydney Chinese, unemotional as brass Buddhas, saw the Chinese team march out proudly under the red, white and black banner of the Chinese Republic, with its white sun ablaze in the centre.

Their Consul-General, Dr. Pao, kicked off, a tentative sort of grubbing kick, which showed that he was short of Soccer practice, if he ever had any.

With all the zest and drive of youth, the Chinese surged goalwards again and again in the early jousting. The grim New South Welshmen—nine of whom had learned their soccer in the shadow of the winding shafts of the mines around Cessnock, Kurri and Aberdare—seemed fast-footed.

The Three Graces

Chang Kam-hoi and V. K. Hyui and S. T. Tsao showed the graceful footwork of a Nijinsky.

Arnold Haskell would have claimed them all for the ballet. They did with the yellow ball all that an Italian could have done with macaroni.

A nimble piece of footwork enabled Hyui to slink in the first goal. The Australian crowd rose in a democratic tribute. A siren of cheers swept the ground. The Chinese leavening just beamed—a mere hint of a beam, and left it at that.

It was clearly apparent in the first 10 minutes that the crowd desired very earnestly that China should win. And it certainly looked as if they would.

On Their Heads

In the early clashes, the Chinese boys looked like a team of ballet dancers

playing a group of New South Wales lumbering axemen.

They prouetted goalward time and again, but the finesse that led to Hyui's first piercing was absent.

In defence the Chinese took it literally on their heads. But there is more in soccer than an intelligent toe and an active head. The Light Blues had the stamina and the dogged plugging qualities that carried them to a 4-1 lead at half-time.

The ranks of China beamed as glowingly at our success as at their own—again a mere furtive beam that flitted for a moment and vanished.

Fighting as grimly at their brothers have fought in Shansi Province or along the Yellow River, China staged a magnificent rally in the second half. They were cheered at every elegant step in this recovery.

Ubiquitous Hyui

A storm of applause greeted the second goal by the ubiquitous Hyui and the third by Fung.

A rumble as of thunder arose all round the ground as, with eight minutes to go, the Chinese youths unreeling a dazzling feat of footwork to give it to Hyui for a masterly fourth goal. The scores were even.

Again the Chinese spectators smiled blandly, but non-committally.

The flag of the Chinese Republic fluttered proudly in the late afternoon breeze, but it was not to be.

Tenacity by the Light Blues did it. They plodded along dourly as if there were a half an hour to go, and the reward of persistence came to them.

Within only two minutes of time J. Hughes, a tactician who worried China all day, spun the ball through goal just out of reach of Cheung Wing-choi's outstretched fingers.

China had fought with all the élan of dashing cavalry against a lumbering but effective mechanised division.

Members of the seeding committee received a shock when Marvin Kantrowitz, an unknown player, beat Zen Carver, North Carolina, in the National Inter-collegiate Tennis Championships recently. The winner entered under the name of Kent—his new name, but if he had used Kantrowitz he would have been seeded and would not have met Carver in the first round!

In three years Cincinnati Reds have spent more than \$300,000 for a left fielder and they still haven't settled on one. Seventeen have had a whirl! Vince Di Maggio, Wally Berger, Al Simmons, Jim Riddle, Bongiovanni, Hafey, Frenchy Bordagaray, Cooke, Davis, Phil Weintraub, Dick West, Mike Dejan, Morrie Aronovitch, Mike McCormick, Johnny Rizzo, Jim Gleason and Ernie Koy comprise the list.

CHINESE OUTBOXES CHAMPION

David Young, youthful Honolulu-born Chinese boxer, decisively beat the world flyweight champion, Little "Dado," of Manila, in a 10-round non-titular bout in Honolulu on August 11.

Young completely outslugged his more experienced opponent, winning six of the 10 rounds.

The Chinese weighed in at 117 pounds, while "Dado" turned the scales at 116, so that both were well over the flyweight limit. United Press.



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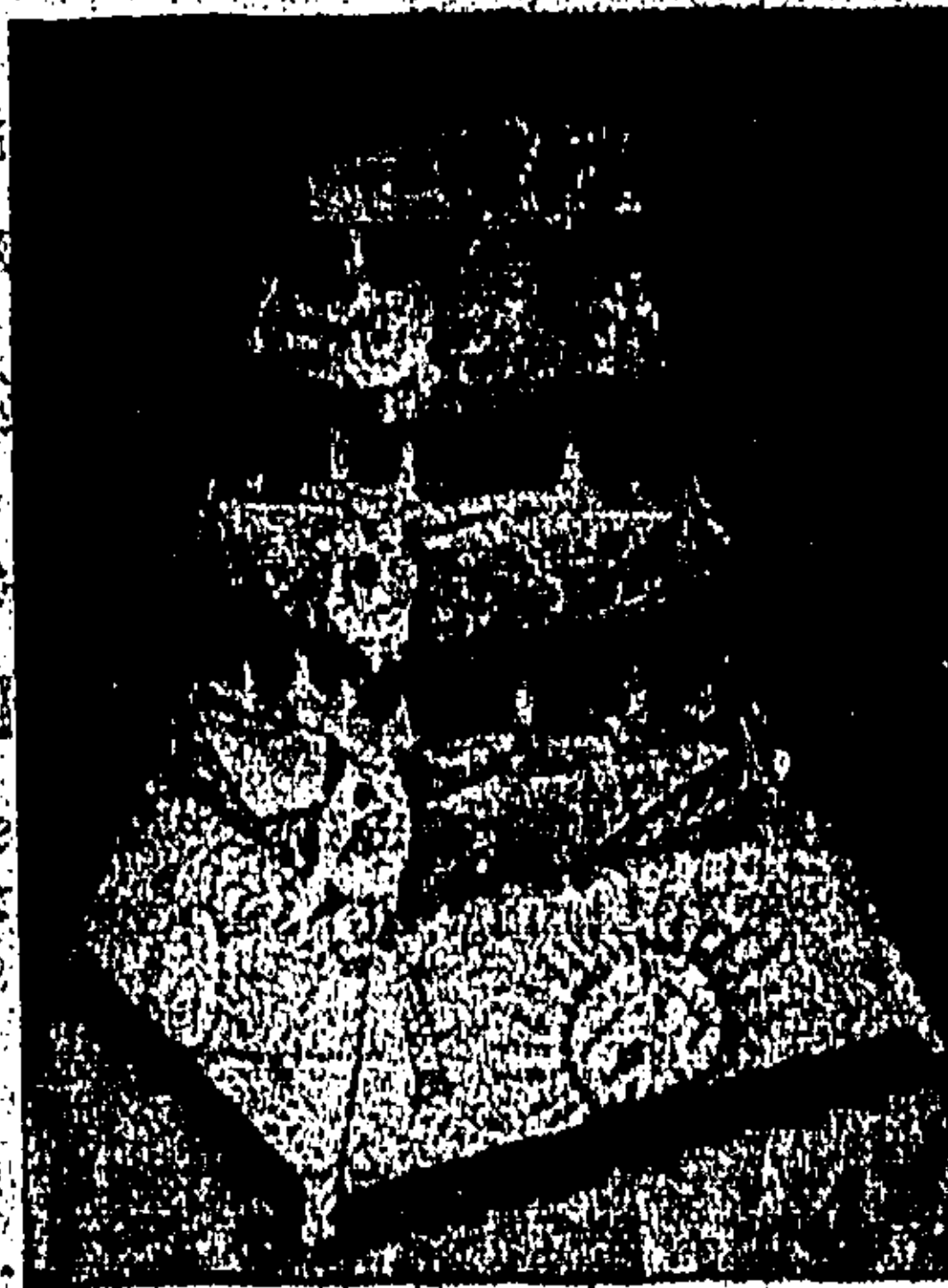
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PAIR OF LEGS TO BE DROPPED OVER GERMANY

A pair of artificial legs is expected to be dropped by parachute over Germany for Wing Commander Bader, the legless R.A.F. pilot who was recently taken prisoner by the Germans. It is expected that the enemy will cooperate by delivering the legs to Wing Commander Bader.—Reuter.

HAMPERING OF U.S. EXPORTS

AMERICAN BUSINESS MEN IN NORTH CHINA, SAYS REUTER'S TIENTSIN CORRESPONDENT, ARE VOLUNTEERING THE FULLEST INFORMATION REGARDING THEIR RESPECTIVE HOLDINGS OF SUCH THINGS AS FURS, BRISTLES, ETC. TO THE AMERICAN CONSULATES.

Consular officials are compiling this information for a double purpose, firstly, registration of the data, secondly in order to seek possible relief through Washington and perhaps lodge representations regarding goods dumped at various ports while in transit.

It is revealed that certain goods

Russians Again On Verge Of Collapse

THE DNIEPER RIVER WAS REACHED ON SUNDAY MORNING BY GERMAN INFANTRY UNITS WHO HAD MADE FORCED MARCHES, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL GERMAN NEWS AGENCY D.N.B., IN A STATEMENT ON RUSSIAN WAR DEVELOPMENTS.

No indication is, however, given of the location of the penetration. The claim states that the infantry had the support of tanks and artillery and that "small Soviet rearguards which attempted to hold them off were overwhelmed."

German guns are now stated to command a stretch of the river preventing the withdrawal of Soviet troops.

The Nazi High Command spokesman in Berlin last night said that German troops from Krivoyrog had reached the Dnieper 80 miles to the east and were advancing towards the great Soviet industrial city of Dnepropetrovsk.

These two announcements presumably refer to the same operation.

The spokesman added: "The Russians are tough in their resistance but one day they will be no longer able to resist the enormous German pressure. Already one can predict that despite their seemingly inexhaustible supplies

consigned to the United States have been lying in Kobe since May.—Reuter.

of men and materials, the will to victory of the German soldiers will bring final success for German arms."

Piling It Up

The official German news agency also reports that "the remnants of four Soviet infantry divisions were wiped out by a Nazi pincer movement in the Nikolaiev area yesterday."

The Soviet troops, it says, were trying to break through to a road in German hands. They made their last stand along a railway embankment which is said to have been piled with Russian dead.

THE REPORT MAKES NO MENTION OF ANY PRISONERS HAVING BEEN TAKEN, BUT AN HUNGARIAN CLAIM ISSUED LAST NIGHT REFERS TO SEVERAL THOUSAND PRISONERS AND CONSIDERABLE BOOTY FROM THE BATTLEGROUND OF NIKOLAIEV.

The Hungarian communique says: "Since the fighting on August 8, our troops have advanced between 120 and 150 miles along the River Bug to take part with the German forces in the Battle of Nikolaiev. Our motorcyclists caused heavy losses to an enemy superior in numbers, who fought fiercely while our cavalry checked all his attempts to break out."

Peipus Claim

According to a Stockholm message to the Italian News Agency quoted by Rome Radio, it is claimed that German troops advancing along both sides of the Lake Peipus on the Estonian frontier have joined forces in the north.

Russians in Estonia, it is stated, are thus cut off by the Germans in the 30-mile wide neck of land between Lake Peipus and the Baltic.—Reuter.

Russian Retreat

A Russian early morning communique revealed the abandonment of the important Black Sea port of Nikolaiev after the blowing up of the great system of docks from which Ukraine corn is exported. Krivoyrog, the industrial centre of the iron ore basin in the bend of the Dnieper, has also been abandoned.—British Wireless.

Soviet Communique

The Soviet midnight communique covering the fighting during the hours of daylight yesterday says: "Our troops continued fierce fighting with the enemy along the entire front. After stubborn fighting, our troops evacuated the town of Kingisepp (due east of Narva and south-west of Leningrad)."

"During August 17, 22 German planes were brought down in air combats. We lost 18 planes."

"According to precise data now available, in the course of air combats on August 16, 23 German planes were brought down, not 19 as previously reported."

"In the Baltic Sea, our torpedo-boats sank a German submarine and two enemy transports."—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

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CATHAY HOTEL 'CRISIS'

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Shanghai's "upper crust" is badly hit by the new appearance of labour trouble with the walk-out of the three thousand Chinese employees of the Sassoon properties.
THE LUXURIOUS CATHAY HOTEL HAS BEEN COMPLETELY EMPTIED OF STAFF AND GUESTS STAYING THERE IN EXPENSIVE SUITES HAVE TO MAKE THEIR OWN BEDS AND HELP IN SERVING THE FOOD.
Similar conditions prevail at the Metropole Hotel, Cathay Mansions and Hamilton House.
The strike was first reported as a protest against the arrest of 12 employees of Hamilton House by the police. It seems, however, that two were arrested for stirring up the strike and ten for intimidation.
The management is taking a firm stand against the demands for better pay and conditions, and it is seen as probable that the strike will drag on for some time.
The swanky Tower Night Club on the top of the Cathay Hotel was open last night, but only drinks were available for the white-shirted patrons. — International News Service.

Budenny Army Extricated: Across Dnieper

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
HONG KONG BOY KILLED AFTER RAID
News has been received in the Colony that Pilot Officer Leslie Richard Evans, R.A.F., former pupil of the Central British School (1922 to 1926) crashed whilst landing in England after returning from a bombing flight and was killed with three others.
This is the third former pupil of the Central British School who has given his life in the present war: in addition, one is missing and another is a prisoner of war.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES IN MOSCOW STATED LAST NIGHT THAT AT LEAST 20,000 GERMANS HAD BEEN KILLED AND WOUNDED IN THE RECENT UKRAINE FIGHTING, ADDING THAT THE GERMAN DRIVE IS BEGINNING TO SLOW UP.
While Nikolaiev and Krivoyirog have been abandoned, both towns were virtually destroyed before the Germans entered.
Information from reliable sources indicates that the Germans are using nearly 1,500,000 in the Ukraine offensive, in addition to four to six panzer divisions and the greater portion of the Luftwaffe.

TOKYO WISHFUL THINKING

Quoting a statement received from an official source, the Batavia radio denies the Domei statement that new trade talks between Japan and the Netherlands East Indies have been opened and that resumption or normal trade relations was expected within a week.
The announcer said that Japan was continually endeavouring to dispel the impression created by the democracies' action in freezing Japanese assets when Japan occupied Indo-China.
The Netherlands East Indies, according to an official source, considered the occupation of Indo-China by Japan as a direct threat to them, and it goes without saying that all exports which would constitute aid to Japan's war economy would not be in the interests of the Netherlands East Indies and will, therefore, not take place. — Reuter.

HULL HARD HIT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
It is revealed by the Air Ministry that it was Hull which suffered from the first heavy German raid in recent weeks.
Many fires were started, there was considerable destruction of property and it is feared that the casualty figures will be high, the immunity from raids having lulled many people into a false sense of security.
The Royal Air Force hit back hard at Germany, their main targets being Bremen and Duisberg, where great destruction was caused. — International News Service.

STRONG PROTEST TO JAPAN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Mr. Cordell Hull revealed in Washington yesterday that the Ambassador in Japan, Mr. Joseph Grew, was seeking clarification of the Japanese refusal to grant the "President Coolidge" the facilities for entering Japanese waters to pick up American nationals anxious to leave Japan.
Mr. Grew has been instructed to register a sharp protest in Tokyo though Washington quarters are inclined to minimise the importance of the incident.
The State Department says it is prepared to facilitate the return of Japanese citizens from the United States to Japan, but is not disposed to link up the repatriation of American nationals with the broader question of trade relations and the freezing orders. — International News Service.

The Russians are continuing to withdraw, but it is learned that Marshal Budenny has already succeeded in extricating his armies and formed them along the line of the Dnieper.
It is predicted that Odessa's defences being sound against siege operations, the town will not be evacuated.
The Germans, inevitably, deal in their claims with further "mass annihilations" of division upon division, and say that there is a lull on the central and northern fronts "pending the capture of all Ukraine." Berlin expects that "Budenny will make his last desperate stand on the Don River behind which are the vast industrial centres and mines."

Army In Reserve
The correspondent of the "Daily Herald" says that a huge Russian army, in reserve, has formed a four-hundred mile line from the Sea of Azov to the Caspian Sea, defending the oil wells and the pipelines between Batum and Baku. The whole of the pipelines could be destroyed in a day if it became necessary.

Congressman Angry
Official circles in Washington view with grave concern Japan's refusal to permit 100 Americans to depart by the a.s. President Coolidge regarding the action as inspired by Germany to create trouble in the Far East.
Representative John Dingell has demanded that the United States immediately "throw 10,000 Hawaiian Japanese into concentration camps," thus holding 100 Japanese for every American detained. — Central News.

Germans Jubilant
(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Hitler's headquarters announced the capture of Nikolaiev as effected by German and Hungarian troops.
The military have jubilantly acclaimed this as "the complete conquest of the rich Ukraine territory."
The imminent fall of encircled Odessa is predicted, with the assertion that Rumanian siege (Continued on Page 16)



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New German Thrust Aimed At Leningrad Developing

Kiev And Smolensk Damped Down

LATEST REPORTS reaching London indicate that a new German thrust is developing to the north of Lake Peipus from the Estonian frontier in the direction of Leningrad, is the comment of "Annalist" on the Russian military situation.

It is not yet possible to estimate the strength of the German push which may be part of a concerted movement with the Finns who are also showing activity around Kexholm.

There is comparative quiet around Smolensk and many reports speak of indications that the Germans are digging themselves in in this region. They have certainly desisted from the costly efforts to smash through which were the features of the first six weeks' fighting.

At Kiev, too, conditions are more or less static and the two arms of the great pincer movement have been stationary at Korosten in the north-west and Byelaya in the south-east.

The weight of the German drive has been transferred to southern Ukraine but the armies of Marshal Budenny have not been cut off and are still clinging tenaciously to some positions in the bend of the Dnieper.

Venturesome

It is too early to say whether the Germans will try to exploit their successes here and try to force Dnieper with a view to threatening the Don coal basin. Any such movement, with large Russian forces still undefeated on the left flank of the advance, would be a venturesome proposition.

It is more likely that Hitler will fling in his sorely tired troops against the central sectors in the hope that they will have been weakened by the despatch of help to Marshal Budenny.

But such speculation is pure guess-work as the High Command is not likely to broadcast its plans.—Reuter.

Another Tobruk?

There are indications that the Germans have resumed the thrust towards Leningrad in the Estonian sector, on the axis of the Tallinn-Leningrad railway, north of Lake Peipus.

Withdrawal of the Russians is continuing in the Ukraine, west of the River Dnieper, and experts in London await news as to whether Marshal Budenny has been able to withdraw his forces across the Dnieper where a great deal of defensive work has been carried out and it should be possible to make a stand on a very strong line behind the half-mile wide river.

Odesa is still in Russian hands and there is still no indication whether they intend to use it—as suggested in some quarters—as another Tobruk.—British Wireless.

MOSCOW 3-POWER CONFERENCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") A Moscow message states that the forthcoming meeting between British, American and Soviet war aid experts is to be held in a bomb-proof and gas-proof cellar in the Kremlin.—International News Service.

LIEUTENANT, M.P.

Lieutenant G. C. Grey (Liberal) has been returned unopposed in a by-election at Berwick-on-Tweed caused by the elevation to the peerage of Sir Hugh Seely.—British Wireless.

Wasting No Time

Britain, the United States and Russia are wasting no time in carrying out the trade agreement recently signed between them.

Exports, on a very large scale, are expected to be made to Russia, chiefly in rubber, tin, wool, hide and jute while Russia will export to Britain and America hemp, platinum and glycerine.

In order to cover any unfavourable trade balance, Russia will utilise the credit granted by Britain of £10,000,000.—Reuter.

EXEMPTED FROM INTEREST TAX

It is announced that the Governor in Council has granted exemption from Interest Tax on interest payable by the following companies on Consumers' Deposits held by them:

The Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd.
The Hong Kong Telephone Co., Ltd.
The China Light and Power Co., Ltd.
The Hong Kong and China Gas Co., Ltd.

ATTEMPT ON WANG REPORTED

According to the "Sing Tao Jih Pao" quoting a special despatch from Shanghai, an attempt to assassinate Wang Ching-wei at his private residence in Nanking was made by six armed men on Saturday night. Wang was not hit, but two of his body-guard were killed and one seriously wounded, it is reported.

VICEROY'S TOUR OF PRESIDENCIES

Lord Linlithgow, Viceroy of India, left Bombay yesterday for Simla thus concluding his three weeks' tour of Madras and Bombay Presidencies.

The purpose of this monsoon tour was to renew contacts and inspect the progress of the war effort in the Presidencies.—Reuter.

CHEQUE FOUND

A China State Bank cheque for \$150 was found in Connaught Road Central yesterday afternoon. The owner may claim it at the Water Police Station.

CHINA CURRENCY DECISIONS

The establishment of an Operating Committee to carry out the decision of the Chinese Currency Stabilisation Board was announced by the Chinese Government spokesman at yesterday afternoon's Press Conference in Chungking.

The Committee, under the chairmanship of Dr. H. H. Kung, Finance Minister, will have 15 members, five of which will form a Standing Committee.

Reuter learns that the first meeting of the Chinese Currency Stabilisation Board comprising three Chinese, one Briton and one American, was held in Chungking last Saturday.

At this time, important decisions were reached among which one was to dispatch members of the Board to Shanghai and Hong Kong to supervise and report on the Executive Board's decision.

It is understood that the British member, Mr. E. L. Hall Patch is going to Shanghai.—Reuter.

SOVIET ALLEGES TORTURES

"Inhuman tortures" are inflicted by the Fascists on the population of occupied districts, according to a supplement to the Soviet communiqué issued yesterday.

"In Stapanovka Village," it says, "they shot many peasants for refusal to betray Soviet workers. In Rudnay Village, the Fascists decided to stage a 'reception' for the Germans by the local population."

"All the villagers were herded over near a microphone and the Fascists tried to compel them to sing. Despite beatings they all kept silent and then the Fascists opened fire on the defenceless crowd."

"At Olenino Station, German planes, flying low, bombed two trains of open platform cars with women and children and wounded Red army men in them."

"The fliers clearly saw who were on the platforms. The women and children tried to hide in the rye fields, but the Fascists machine-gunned them, many of the women, children and Red army men being killed.—Reuter."

AUSTRALIA'S NEW C. IN C.

Major-General Sir Ivan Mackay, newly appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Australian Home Forces, arrived in Singapore yesterday on his way to Australia.

Sir Ivan Mackay told Reuter that everything was well in the Middle East, conditions were improving and the troops were ready for a new fight wherever it might be.—Reuter.

MEN OF 28 AND OVER EXEMPTED

President Roosevelt has signed the Bill exempting men over 28 years of age from military service, states Reuter from Washington.

HEAVY RAID ON SYRACUSE

Aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm heavily attacked Syracuse in Sicily yesterday.

Flying at a low altitude, the British planes dropped a large number of bombs on the mole and started a number of fires which merged into one big sheet of flame three hundred feet high.—Reuter.

CENSORSHIP CANARD

WHEN ASKED IF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT HAD APPROVED THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE NAVY AND ARMY CHIEFS FOR COMPULSORY CENSORSHIP OF ALL COMMUNICATIONS IN AND OUT OF AMERICA, THE PRESIDENT'S PRIVATE SECRETARY, MR. STEPHEN EARLY DECLARED THAT PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT WAS NOT AWARE OF THE EXISTENCE OF ANY SUCH BILL.

Mr. Early added that the President could not imagine the source of such a report, except that it was the Wilhelmstrasse or some one in America who thought more of Germany than he did of the United States.—Reuter.

GERMAN CAPTURE OF NIKOLAIEV A SUCCESS

(By Reuter's Military Commentator)

THE SITUATION in Russia has changed slightly to the advantage of the Germans and the occupation of Nikolaiev on the estuary of the River Bug can be claimed as a success.

Nevertheless, it is only a local one. They have gained nothing decisive, and without complete knowledge of the facts, it is not possible to say how it was that the Germans were able to bring superior forces to bear on the southern end of Marshal Budenny's line, for we have had sufficient evidence now to feel sure that without superior numbers on this local battlefield, the Germans could not have driven back the Russians as far as they have.

It looks, however, as if the Nazis on the left of Rumsted's army in the direction of Kiev have been firmly held and their attacks repulsed. The Germans seem to be equally held on the road to Moscow and Leningrad.

The Russians' strategy is probably governed by such questions as: "the numbers of their divisions in reserve which are still fresh? Are they fully equipped? Or must they wait a while before they can be provided with full equipment necessary for battle? How long will it take to concentrate them at certain points and bring them forward to launch the great counter-attacks which must be delivered and be successful before the Germans can be driven from the soil of Russia?"

"Prudence"

These questions should decide how long the Russian Command is prepared to fight delaying actions and battles of exhaustion before it is considered that the moment has arrived for the assumption of the offensive.

The idea of strategy in many countries, with the exception of Germany, has been vitiated by the cult of the defensive, of timidity, often concealed under that more imposing word, prudence.

Far too much stress has been laid on the value of fortified lines of defence and of natural obstacles, while the real defence of a country is never sufficiently recognised or stressed. That real defence lies in the men and their leaders.

"It is men, not walls, who are the defence of a city," said the Romans of old.

Gaining Time

Marshal Budenny's strategy, and indeed that of the whole Rus-

sian army, is probably dictated not by defence of obstacles, natural or artificial, when full use may be made of such, but by the necessity of gaining time and the importance of wearing out the Germans.

If such are the principles underlying the strategic conceptions of the Russian Command, Marshal Budenny is not likely to be falling back to the line of the Dnieper because it is the next obstacle to defend, but because he is not yet ready to deliver the counter-attack which will drive back and destroy his enemy.

No Date Fixed

The counter-attack, of the scale necessary to achieve that much to be desired object, may not be ready for some weeks, perhaps some months, or quite possibly not until after the Germans had been exposed to all the rigours of a winter campaign in Russia, while Europe is rising in revolt behind them.

We cannot at present fix the date for such a stroke but it may be taken for granted that such is being contemplated and prepared.

Meanwhile, the Japanese seem to be on the threshold of war in spite of the immense dangers which threaten them.

The Russians in Siberia are not likely to take up a defensive attitude if the Japanese challenge them to combat.

In the centre the Chinese may well be able to launch several offensive strokes against the reduced Japanese forces in their front while on the other wing of the south the forces of the British Empire are gathering.—Reuter.

NEW YORK ARMS EXPLOSION

Raging Fires In East River Wharf District

Pier, Freighter And Barges Go Up In Flames

Another Daylight Sweep

The Royal Air Force is believed to have made another daylight sweep across the Straits of Dover yesterday.

At one point of the south-east coast early yesterday afternoon, a considerable force of fighters and a number of bombers were seen to cross the coast travelling towards the sea.

One group, a big formation of fighters, broke away and made a wide sweep before following the other fighters out across the Straits.

There was a considerable amount of cloud but also spells of bright sunshine and a blue sky over the Channel and off the French coast.

Lille Target

Royal Air Force bombers, accompanied by a fighter escort, bombed an industrial target at Lille yesterday afternoon, it was learned in London.—Reuter.

HAMPERING OF U.S. EXPORTS

AMERICAN BUSINESS MEN IN NORTH CHINA, SAYS REUTER'S TIENTSIN CORRESPONDENT, ARE VOLUNTEERING THE FULLEST INFORMATION REGARDING THEIR RESPECTIVE HOLDINGS OF SUCH THINGS AS FURS, BRISTLES, ETC. TO THE AMERICAN CONSULATES.

Consular officials are compiling this information for a double purpose, firstly, registration of the data, secondly in order to seek possible relief through Washington and perhaps lodge representations regarding goods dumped at various ports while in transit.

It is revealed that certain goods consigned to the United States have been lying in Kobe since May.—Reuter.

TWO JUDGES MAY SIT IN TRIAL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Two judges, Mr. Harris C. Nelson and Mr. Nelson E. Lurton, have been nominated by the U.S. District Attorney, Mr. Leighton Shields, for the trial of Sam Tittlebaum, former U.S. Deputy Marshal in Shanghai, who is charged with embezzling Court property.

The nominations are now awaiting confirmation by President Roosevelt. The Court is likely to appoint a lawyer to defend Tittlebaum.—International News Service.

EXTENDED SERVICE IN AMERICA

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NUMEROUS EXPLOSIONS WHICH SHOOK LOWER MANHATTAN YESTERDAY WERE ACCOMPANIED BY A RAGING FIRE WHICH BROKE OUT AT THE EAST RIVER WHARF WHERE BRITISH SHIPS WERE BEING LOADED WITH SUPPLIES FOR BRITAIN AND EGYPT, ACCORDING TO A REUTER MESSAGE FROM NEW YORK.

Observers said that the explosions apparently occurred in a number of heavily laden barges. Coast Guards and fire floats were sent hurriedly to the scene.

The fire which began with a series of explosions sending flames 125 feet into the air, engulfed the Cuba Mail Line Pier at Brooklyn, set an American freighter and several laden barges aflame and threatened to spread to a nearby pier used by British ships.

THE AMERICAN FREIGHTER, PANUCO, LADEN WITH QUICK SILVER, MINERALS AND HEMP, CAUGHT FIRE, WAS CUT LOOSE AND ABLAZE FROM STEM TO STERN, DRIFTED OFF.

A flaming barge cast adrift floated crazily down river while fire-floats threw tons of water on it.

Five Alarms.

Five fire alarms were received at Brooklyn Fire Station from which firemen sped to keep the blaze from spreading to the pier where almost daily British ships load supplies.

Two people were killed and 55 injured—some feared fatally—in the fire.

Clouds of dense smoke swept the Wall Street district as the lunch hour crowds poured out from their offices.—Reuter.

Five Dead; Fears For More

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

LATEST REPORTS SHOW THAT FIVE AT LEAST ARE DEAD, AND IT IS FEARED THAT THERE MAY BE OTHER BODIES, OF STEVEDORES TRAPPED WHEN WORKING IN THE HOLDS OF THE FREIGHTER WHICH WAS SWEEPED BY FIRE.

The explosion is suspected to have been the work of saboteurs. The barges were loaded with aviation petrol.—International News Service.

HANKOW STAGNANT

A TRAVELLER WHO HAS JUST RETURNED TO SHANGHAI FROM HANKOW TOLD THE "EVENING POST" TO-DAY THAT BRITISH AND AMERICAN FIRMS IN HANKOW ARE HARD HIT BY JAPANESE RESTRICTIONS.

At present 70 Americans are residing in the Wuhan area with 100 Britons, mostly missionaries. The few businessmen are endeavouring to sell out and leave the city.

Foodstuff prices are soaring and several British ships have been rusting in the harbour since the hostilities began, being unable to leave.—International News Service.

FIRM TONE ON STOCK EXCHANGE

The London Stock Exchange yesterday was generally firm with renewed investment demand, mainly for gilt-edged securities, home rails and leading industrials arising out of the Government call-up of certain Canadian securities.

Among industries, Courtauld's and Breweries recorded useful gains while shipping stocks went further ahead.

Cape support was responsible for the rises among the speculative Kafir favourites. South American rails continued firm but Japanese bonds tended to be easier.—Reuter.

LARGE-SCALE RAID ON SYRACUSE

CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE is believed to have been done to shipping at Syracuse by the Fleet Air Arm raid on Saturday night when fires lit up the whole harbour according to a R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

The communique states: "Aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm carried out a successful attack on the harbour at Syracuse during the night of August 16/17. Bombs were dropped from a low altitude on the central Mole and railway sidings starting several fires which finally became an intense blaze with flames rising to 300 feet."

"A number of violent explosions accompanied the fire which lit up the whole of the harbour area. Considerable damage must have been done to shipping."

"The same formation dropped a number of incendiary bombs on the barracks at Cap Passaro. These caused a heavy detonation followed by fire which was still visible from aircraft when about 70 miles away on their homeward journey."

Abyssinia Strafe.

"Hurricane fighters machine-gunned seaplanes in the harbour of Syracuse on Sunday, destroyed one Curtiss Zivko and severely damaged a number of others."

Aircraft of the South African Air Force bombed and machine-gunned Wolcheff and Debarech and obtained hits on forts, buildings and trenches. All aircraft returned safely from the above operations.—Reuter.

MR. CHURCHILL GETS CHEERFUL HOMECOMING

Mr. Winston Churchill and his party landed at a British port yesterday and drove through the streets in three cars. The Prime Minister was greeted with cheers and shouts of "best of luck."

Mr. Churchill, who looked very happy, smiled and waved his peaked cap in response to the enthusiastic greetings accorded him.—Reuter.

OFFICERS PUT ON RETIRED LIST

The former commander of the Iraqi Royal bodyguard and a number of army officers suspected of complicity in the Rashid Ali revolt have been placed on the retired list, according to a Baghdad telegram.

A military court has been set up to try the offenders who took part in the rising.—Reuter.

Protest In The Air

Nothing is known in London of the reports by the Lyons Radio of a protest by the Vichy Government regarding alleged attempts to take over French troops in Syria, writes Reuter's Diplomatic correspondent.

The Correspondent adds: "In any case the Syrian Armistice Terms provide that these men shall have the liberty of opting to join the Free French Forces."

Vichy has protested against the detention of General Denz but until Britain is satisfied that all British prisoners who were removed from Syria have been returned to British hands there is no likelihood of any change in the British attitude in regard to this matter.

A number of prisoners have already been returned from France but details are lacking as to how many are still being detained.—Reuter.

EMPRESS BOUND FOR ADDIS ABABA

The Empress of Abyssinia is expected to arrive in Addis Ababa shortly to rejoin her husband, it was learned in London yesterday.

The Empress who had been living at the famous west of England resort, Bath, left England some time ago.

Travelling with her was her younger daughter, Princess Tsahai and a small suite.

Remaining at their Bath home is the elder daughter, Princess Tenaagne, together with her children and the youngest son of the Emperor who is at an English public school.

The departure of the Empress was kept an absolute secret and the news was only revealed in London yesterday.—Reuter.

FORMAL APPROVAL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Chinese Embassy in Washington has announced China's acceptance of the Roosevelt-Churchill eight-point programme.

The statement says that "China believes the final destruction of the forces of aggression will be most swiftly served by first bringing about Japan's defeat through the tightening of the encirclement of which Japan is the sole architect."—International News Service.

FURTHER DEMARCHE TO IRAN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It is reported in London that a further demarche has been made by Britain and the Soviet Union upon Iran to take urgent action against "German tourists." It is alleged that there are some 3,000 in Iran, some of them with posts connected with railways and other communications.—International News Service.

R.A.A.F. EXPANSION

Twenty-three Australian Air Force Squadrons will be serving abroad by the middle of next year, announced the Minister for Air, Mr. McEwen, in Melbourne yesterday.

The personnel will be mostly supplied through the Empire Air Training Scheme, and will be flying the most modern machines, he said.

Many personnel for additional squadrons are already serving with the Royal Air Force. They will be grouped with the incoming trainees.

The Minister for Aircraft Production, Mr. J. W. Leckie, after a record return flight in an Australian-built Beaufort, said that the performance demonstrated the striking power of Australia's first line of defence.—Reuter.

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ROOSEVELT MEETS KEY MEN AT WHITE HOUSE TALK

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT yesterday summoned to the White House, key men in Congress connected with foreign affairs to give them a full account of the international situation.

Those who assembled in the President's study included the Vice-President Henry Wallace, Senators Barkley, Connally, George and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Mr. Sol Bloom.

They were expected in their turn to explain to President Roosevelt the latest developments in the legislative situation.

President Roosevelt gave his Congressional lieutenants a picture of the dramatic Churchill-Roosevelt talks and also discussed further Lease and Lend appropriation.

Senator Barkley, leaving after 90 minutes, told reporters that the meeting was "very interesting" but confidential. He disclosed that the question of further Lease and Lend appropriation was discussed and the Japanese situation mentioned only casually.

Position Unaltered

President Roosevelt gave a complete outline of his talks with Mr. Churchill, said Senator Connally after the meeting.

He said: "I do not believe any commitments were made which would in any way alter our position towards the war."

Senator Connally expressed the opinion that further Lease and Lend appropriation would be about \$4,000,000,000 but declared "by far the greater part of the original \$7,000,000,000 has not yet been expended."—Reuter.

Even Chance in Far East

Russia has a real chance of holding out indefinitely against the Nazis. That is one of the impressions Congressional leaders reported they gained from their conference with President Roosevelt. Other impressions were firstly, Russian resistance has forestalled any German attempt to invade Great Britain this year. Secondly, the British believe that any German attempt to invade Britain will be delayed at least until the Spring.

THIRDLY, THE CHANCES APPEARED EVEN THAT JAPAN WOULD TAKE NEW STEPS OF AGGRESSION.

President Roosevelt appeared cheerful and confident as the result of his talks with Mr. Winston Churchill. One Congressman said the British were convinced that in order to defeat Germany, Britain must invade the continent. It was indicated, however, that no such step was contemplated at present.—Reuter.

PETROL RATIONING IN AFGHANISTAN

The Afghan Government has introduced petrol rationing... it was learned in Peshawar yesterday.

The move has been taken owing to the reduction in imports by over 30 per cent. caused by the war.

The country is dependent upon imports. Although oil deposits are known to exist in Afghanistan they remain untapped.—Reuter.

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GERMAN SHIPS SUNK

Three German patrol vessels were bombed and sunk off the Dutch coast by Royal Air Force Blenheim bombers yesterday afternoon, according to an Air Ministry communique.

"Two attacks on objectives in northern France were made by other Blenheims which were accompanied by strong fighter escorts," continues the communique. "An industrial plant at Lille and other targets were bombed. Fighter escorts destroyed three enemy fighters, while other fighters carried out a sweep over the coast of northern Brittany and attacked the aerodrome and enemy troops with cannon and machine-gun fire."

"From these operations three aircraft — all fighters — are missing." — Reuter.

AIR RAID DISTRESS FUND

In a broadcast appeal last night on behalf of the Lord Mayor's National Air Raid Distress Fund, the Lord Mayor of London stated that since the Fund started last September well over 100,000 families had received help and more than a million and a half pounds been spent in grants of cash and in providing food, clothing, furniture, removal expenses and many other purposes. To-day, a nation-wide flag day on behalf of the Fund is being held.—British Wireless.

Premier To Broadcast

Mr. Winston Churchill will arrive in London this morning. The Prime Minister is expected to broadcast to the nation shortly and give more details of his historic meeting with President Roosevelt.

The broadcast will probably be on Sunday.—Reuter.

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"SABOTAGE" CRASHES DISCOUNTED

The Air Ministry has issued a statement discounting sabotage theories in connection with the coincidental crashes of two "ferry planes" causing the death of 44 persons.

It is believed that the crashes in both cases were caused by the heavy weight of fuel at the take-off.—International News Service.

ROOSEVELT AND HULL CONFER

President Roosevelt and Mr. Cordell Hull are officially believed to have mapped out a programme for the dispatch of aid to Moscow and canvassed the Far East crisis and the problems created for American security by the Vichy capitulation to Berlin.

The major problem of the tripartite front against the Germans is believed to be the distribution of American war resources between Britain and Russia.

President Roosevelt is faced with pressing domestic problems including the strike at the Federal Ship-building Co., New Jersey, where U.S. \$493,000,000 worth of naval and merchant shipbuilding has been blocked. Defence officials expected President Roosevelt to order the Navy Yards to take over.

High American officials said that President Roosevelt and Mr. Winston Churchill drank champagne toasts and ate English grouse aboard the Prince of Wales' saloon, a few feet from the gaping holes the Bismark inflicted.

The most private conferences were held in the President's cabin aboard the cruiser Augusta.—International News Service.

FRENCH CONSUL RESIGNS

The French Consul at Santiago de Chile has resigned, stating that he could not represent a Government which is now under German domination.—Reuter.

SWEPPER LOST

The Admiralty has announced that H.M. minesweeper "NR.30" has been sunk.—British Wireless.



ONE OF THE CLASSIC OPERATIONS OF THE WAR

HUSBAND ATTACKS WIFE

Stating that he assaulted his wife because she went out with other men, Wan Kwai, 25, machine maker, was placed on a \$50 bond to keep the peace for one year by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning.

According to Sub-Inspector T. Collins, accused met his wife, Lai Chi, 22, in Sai Yee Street last night and accused her of going out with other men, striking her on the head with a piece of iron, which he had in his pocket. The woman was injured.

The woman said she had not received money from him for three months.

TOBRUK ACTIVITY

"There has been considerable bombing. British patrols are continuing their activities and steadily inflicting losses upon the enemy," says yesterday's Middle East communique, referring to the Tobruk area. — Reuter.

DESCRIBING THE Indian troops' part in the defence of Tobruk, which he points out is regarded as one of the classics of the war, an Indian army observer says that recently, at about 8 p.m. on a dark, moonless night, an Indian party set out and slipped round in the rear of the enemy at Sangar and then charged.

Some of the enemy, attempting an early retreat, ran straight on to the bayonets of the Indians and were killed.

The advance continued towards Sangar where the occupants also suffered at the bayonet point. During the 15 minutes that the Indians remained in the position they had a happy time, destroying enemy equipment. Two Breda guns, an ammunition dump and a concrete mixer were accounted for, while the enemy suffered at least 50 casualties as compared to the two or three on our side.

Wide Awake

Next night the enemy decided to show that they could do this

same sort of thing and staged an attack on one of our forward detachments in Sangar. About 2 a.m. a listening post reported the approach of some enemy. Everyone in Sangar was immediately wide awake, rifles gripped and eyes straining into the darkness for the slightest sign of movement.

Suddenly the objects started to resolve themselves into human figures, cautiously making their way forward. Up went the Verry lights and five parties of Italians, each about 20 strong, were exposed to view.

The Jamadar, commanding the post stood up, and in a voice like a sergeant major's, shouted, "No. 1 Company, charge!"

The terrified enemy turned and ran for their lives with the Indian troops after them. The extra few yards start made all the difference and the enemy were just able to make their getaway. — Reuter.

GOEBBELS AFRAID OF B.B.C.

A surprising tribute to the effectiveness of B.B.C. propaganda in Germany is paid by Goebbels in leading article in the newspaper "Das Reich."

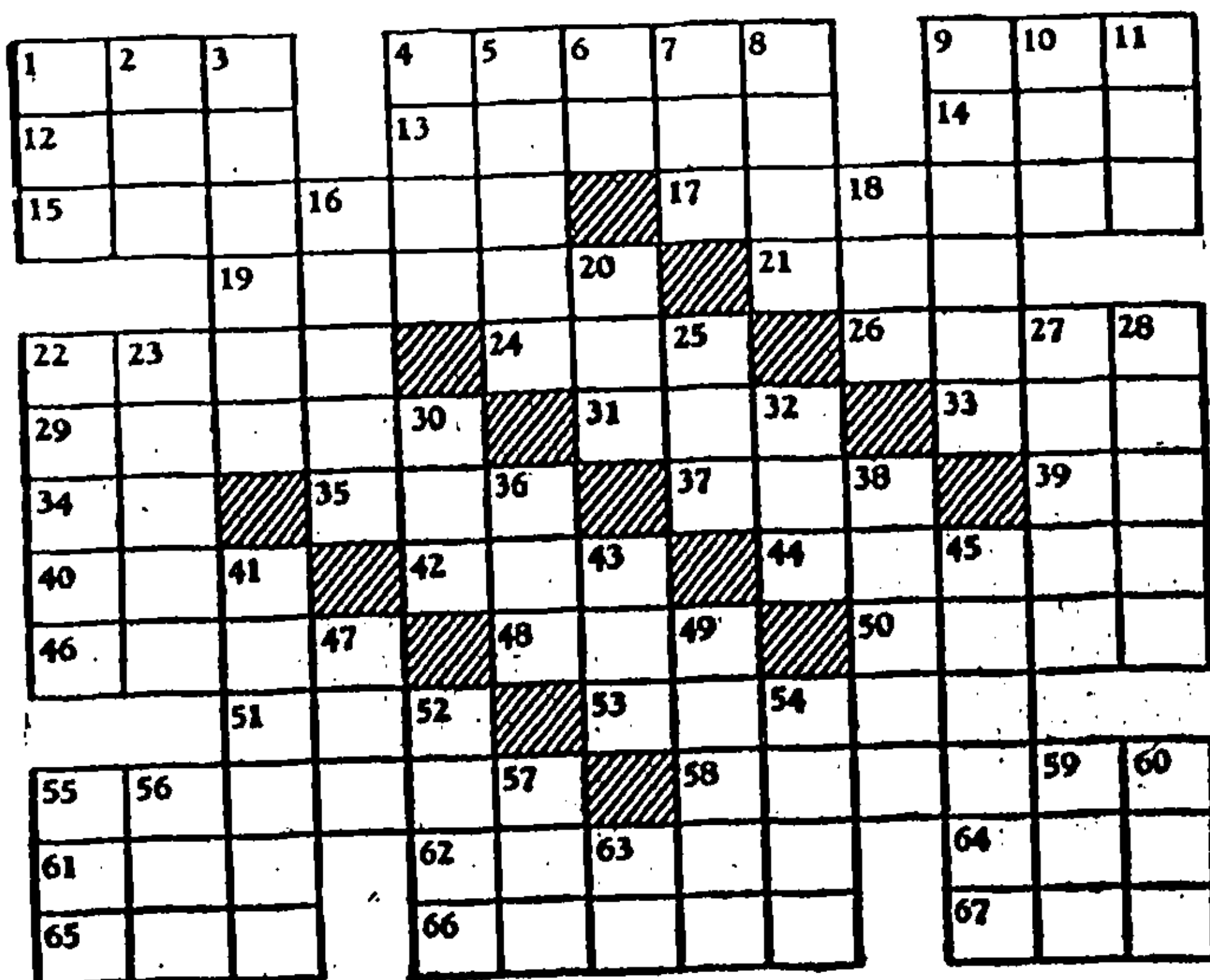
Goebbels writes: In order to win the war, Britain endeavours to make the German people distrust their Fuehrer and were the British to succeed they would certainly win the war.

Therefore, "we introduced the death penalty for listening in to the B.B.C. and those who, despite all warnings, continue to do so deserve beheading."

"This is the only right punishment for damned curiosity. Germans should know by now that when we are reluctant to give military news, the reluctance is only necessary for purely strategic reasons."

"Some Germans say that they are strong-minded enough to listen to B.B.C. lies and not be harmed by them. I reply that this is not true, as those who listen have not the means of checking and finding out whether or not the B.B.C. is lying. Their lies get into the blood, making listeners weak and tired of carrying on thus showing that B.B.C. poison is beginning to work. This is the reason we fight with all our strength against the B.B.C." — British Wireless.

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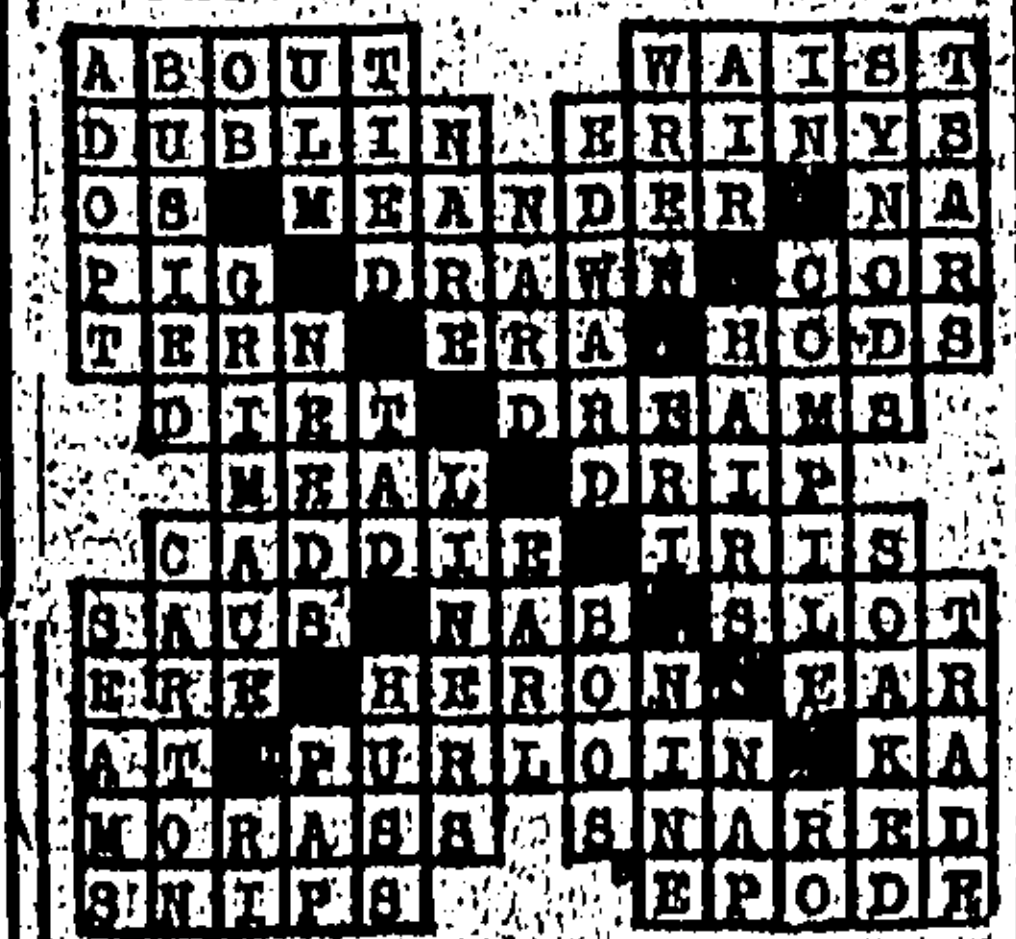
HORIZONTAL

- 1 Dry
- 4 To divert
- 9 Philippine savage
- 12 High priest
- 13 Profound
- 14 Immediately
- 15 Gatekeeper
- 17 Snaky-haired sorcerer
- 10 Dromedary
- 21 The sun
- 22 Colloquial to solicit
- 24 Pronoun
- 26 Small, close room
- 29 To follow
- 31 Distorted
- 33 Fish eggs
- 34 Because
- 35 Tasans
- 37 Knot in a fiber of cotton
- 39 Archaic article
- 40 To observe
- 42 To make lace
- 44 Weblike
- 46 English boys' school
- 48 Split pulse
- 50 Is III
- 51 Support

VERTICAL

- 1 To mend
- 2 High note
- 3 Circular, tent-enclosed arena
- 4 Ancient alloy
- 5 Medium of exchange

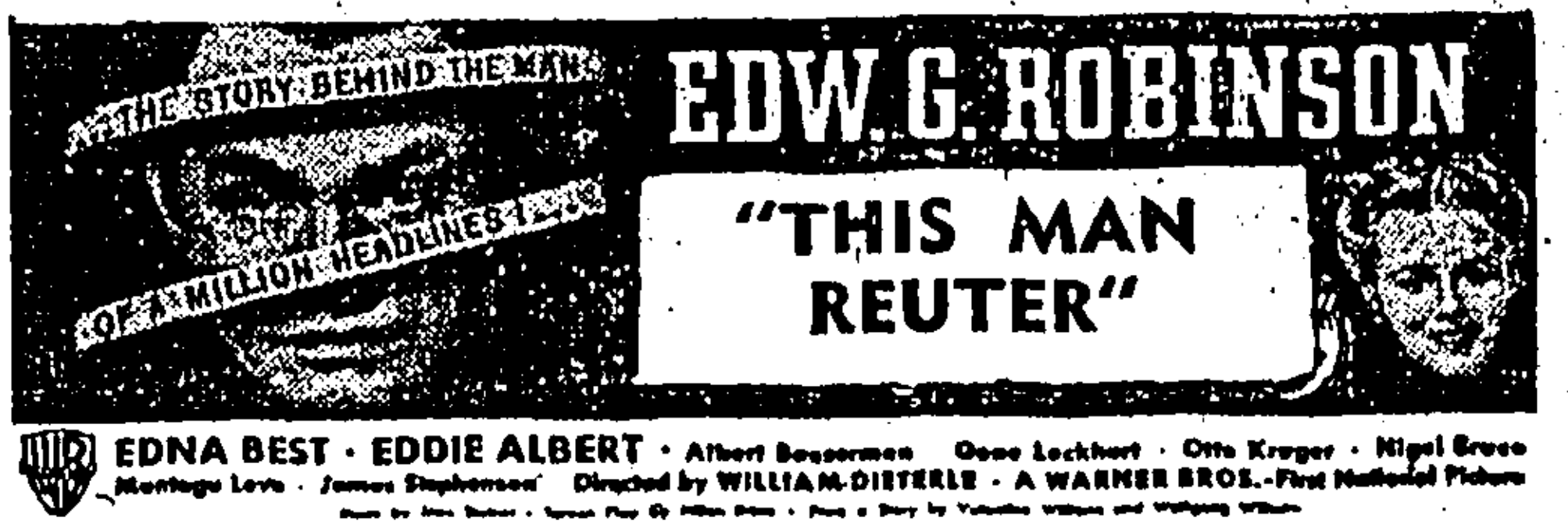
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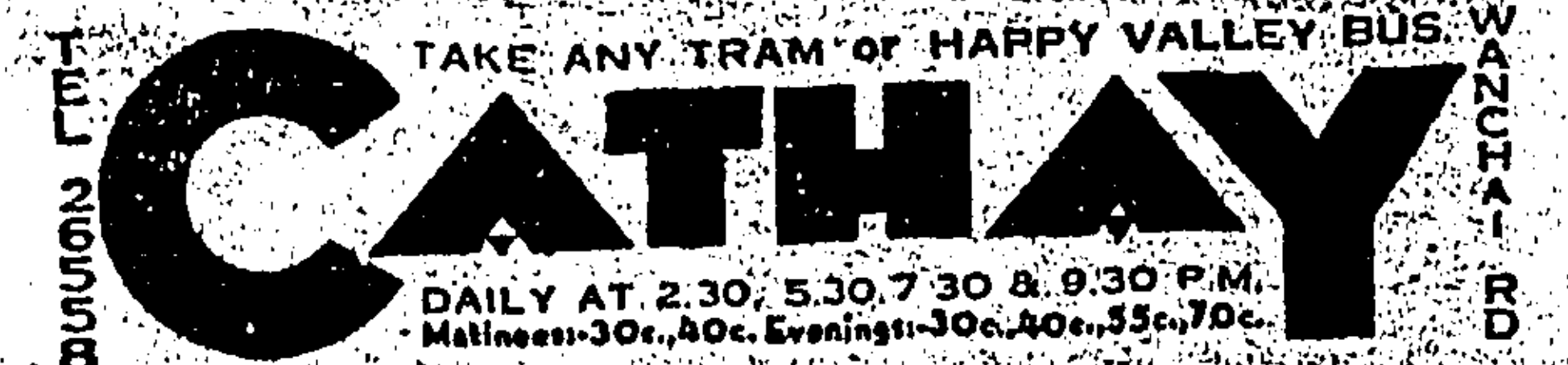
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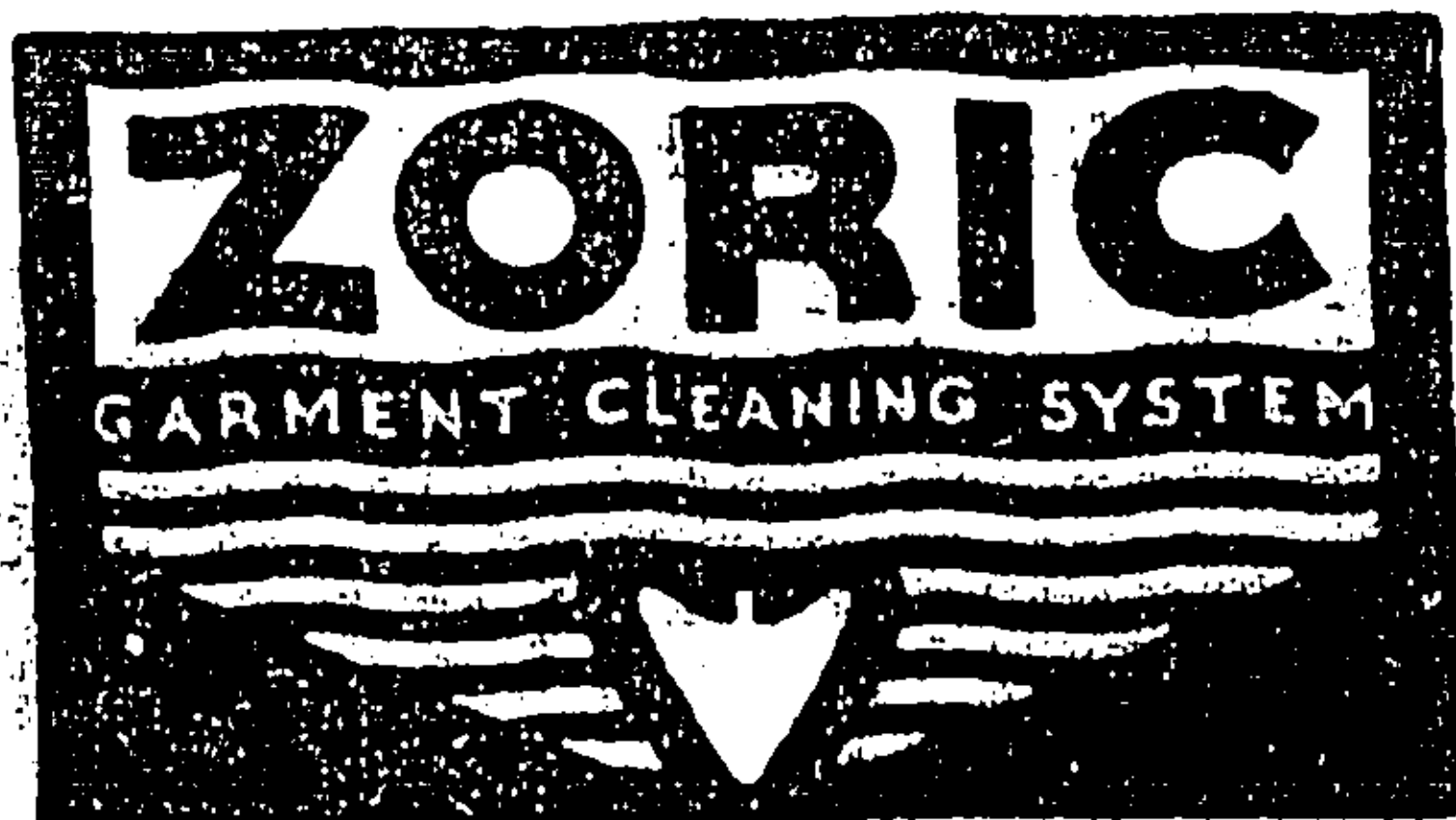


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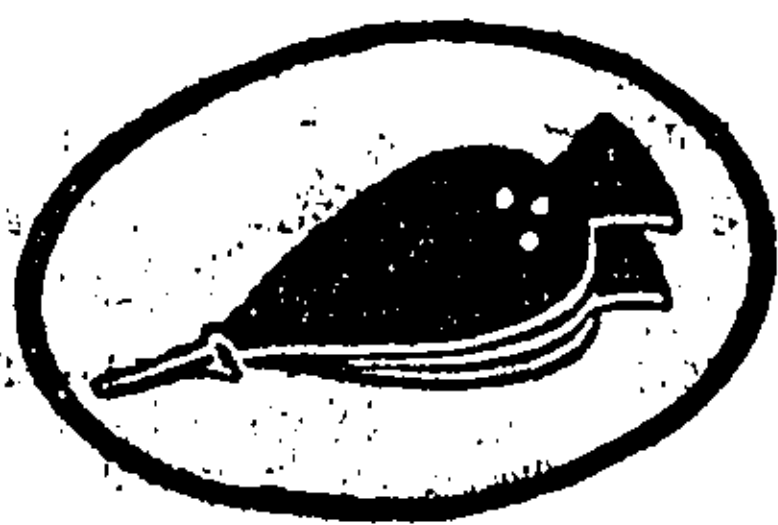
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Japanese War Of Nerves Against Thailand

(By Selby Walker, Reuter's Chief
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**A FEELING OF TENSE EXPECTANCY
CONTINUES TO PERVADE SINGAPORE IN
VIEW OF THE MULTI-LINGUAL JAPANESE
CAMPAIGN OF VILIFYING THE ALLEGED
ANGLO - AMERICAN ENCIRCLEMENT OF
JAPAN.**

The Japanese are also playing up the reinforcement of Malaya as a direct threat to Thailand — apparently with the idea of opening the Thailand oyster the easiest way by persuading Thailand to appeal to Japan for "protection."

Tension is heightened by the stories told by British evacuees reaching Singapore which indicate that Indo-China is rapidly becoming an armed camp with heavy concentrations of forces on the Burma and Thai frontiers.

Another ominous portent was the broadcast announcement by an unnamed Japanese naval spokesman describing the situation as the "calm before the storm."

Malaya Ready

The man in the street, however, is heartened by the visible evidence of Malaya's preparedness and determination to defend this outpost of the Empire. This is exemplified by the presence, everywhere, of men of the fighting services from all over the Empire, including stalwart sun-burned Australians, turbaned Indians and men of famous English and Scottish regiments, as well as Malay soldiers. There is also the increasing feeling that the Thais will not timidly submit to aggression and will, if necessary, "make a fight of it."

Meanwhile, the Bangkok radio, commenting on British Ambassador Crosby's statement to Reuter, that the British Government has not presented any demands to Thailand, said that the Thais welcomed the declaration which confirmed the Thai communique to the same effect.

"Inevitable"

A traveller, who recently arrived from Thailand, expressed the view to Reuter that war in the Far East was "inevitable."

The question was whether it would come in a matter of days through the Thais witting under the Japanese war of nerves and allowing passage of Japanese troops.

The question was also whether the Japanese would be content to wait until they had accumulated enough strength on the Thai-Indo-China frontier to accomplish their ends by military means.—Reuter.

TEST OF OPINION TO BE TAKEN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington reports hint that President Roosevelt and Mr. Cordell Hull have decided to sound out American opinion in respect of the action to be taken in Martinique and French Guiana should the Germans move into French possessions in North and West Africa.—International News Service.

NANKING TRAIN DERAILED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
A Nanking-bound freight train was derailed yesterday morning near Soochow by a land mine. No persons were injured, but the locomotive and four cars were derailed and the tracks torn up. This is believed to be the work of the guerrillas.—International News Service.

COMMODITY EXCHANGES CLOSE

Commodity exchanges throughout Japan have decided to disband because of the international situation and increasing government control, says a Reuter message from Tokyo.

AIR FERRY SERVICE TO EGYPT

President Roosevelt disclosed yesterday that the delivery of aircraft to the British forces in the Middle East would be speeded up through a ferry-system conducted by Pan-American Airways.

Under the agreement with the Pan-American System, this organization will ferry aircraft from the United States to West Africa and thence to the Middle East.

The Pan-American is establishing an air transport service from Africa to the Middle East and plans are underway for a similar service from the United States to West Africa.

It was stated at the White House that Government-owned planes, operated by American personnel, would be used. Delivery would not pass through the actual warfare zone, nor the location of the African terminus disclosed.

The White House announcement described the new system as providing "direct speedy delivery" of aircraft from the "arsenal of democracy" to a critical point in the front against aggression, adding that the importance of this direct communication line to strategic outposts in Africa cannot be over-estimated.—Reuter.

CHINA APPROVES PROGRAMME

THE ANGLO - AMERICAN WAR AIMS CONSTITUTE A CHARTER FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF THE POST-WAR WORLD, COMMENTED DR. T. F. TSIANG, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE EXECUTIVE YUAN, AT A PRESS CONFERENCE IN CHUNGKING YESTERDAY.

As Government spokesman, Dr. Tsiang said that although "Nazi tyranny" is mentioned in Point Six of the Roosevelt-Churchill joint declaration, a careful reading of the full text indicates unmistakably that the statement is applicable to the entire world. He added that though several wars are raging in different parts of the world, they are in fact one war.

Dr. Tsiang emphasised that there must be one programme for reconstruction of the post-war world — not two separate programmes.

He called attention to the following three points: no territorial changes, respect for the right of all peoples to choose the forms of government they desire and equal enjoyment of trade and access to raw material.—Central News.

SAIGON DELIBERATIONS POSTPONED

The Three-Power Boundary Commission was due to start deliberations in Saigon yesterday but the meeting was postponed. It is thought that the discussions are likely to cover considerable ground.—Reuter.

CONVOY REACHES SAIGON

After 24 hours' delay due to the typhoon, the second detachment of Japanese troops reported to number slightly less than the first convoy, began disembarking at Saigon yesterday morning.

Material is momentarily taking preference and a considerable quantity of light steel girders were landed presumably destined for the construction of barracks at Cambodia, where accommodation is reported to be insufficient.

There is no sign of heavy artillery yet although it must pass through Saigon as sufficient cranes and wharf facilities are not available elsewhere.

"Defensive Zones"

"Two or three minor problems" remain to be settled regarding Japanese troops sent to Indo-China, according to Major-General Sumita, head of the Japanese military missions in Indo-China.

He stated yesterday that he will shortly discuss these problems, which include an allotment of defensive "zones" between Japanese and French troops, with Admiral Decoux, the Vichy Governor-General of French Indo-China.—Reuter.

WOODEN LEG FOR THE ARMY

Twelve per cent of all draftees accepted by local draft boards have been rejected by the U.S. Army for physical defects.

Recently an Army induction officer found a Chicago draftee with a glass eye. Growled the disgusted medic: "Some of these come in here with a wooden leg."

Recently Negro James Brown, 25, appeared before the wary officer. Brown's draft board had given him a clean bill of health except for the notation: "Enlarged tonsils." Told to strip, he took his trousers off, revealed an artificial leg.

CAUGHT WITH THE GOODS

One month's hard labour was imposed on To Man-on, 23, and Poon Yung, 20, by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K. C., this morning for robbery at the residence of Miss Doreen Lee, of the "Red House," Pokfulam Road, yesterday.

According to Inspector J. McWalter, defendants were seen by a Chinese detective near the Hong Kong University playground, at about 2 a.m. yesterday. The stolen property was found in their possession.

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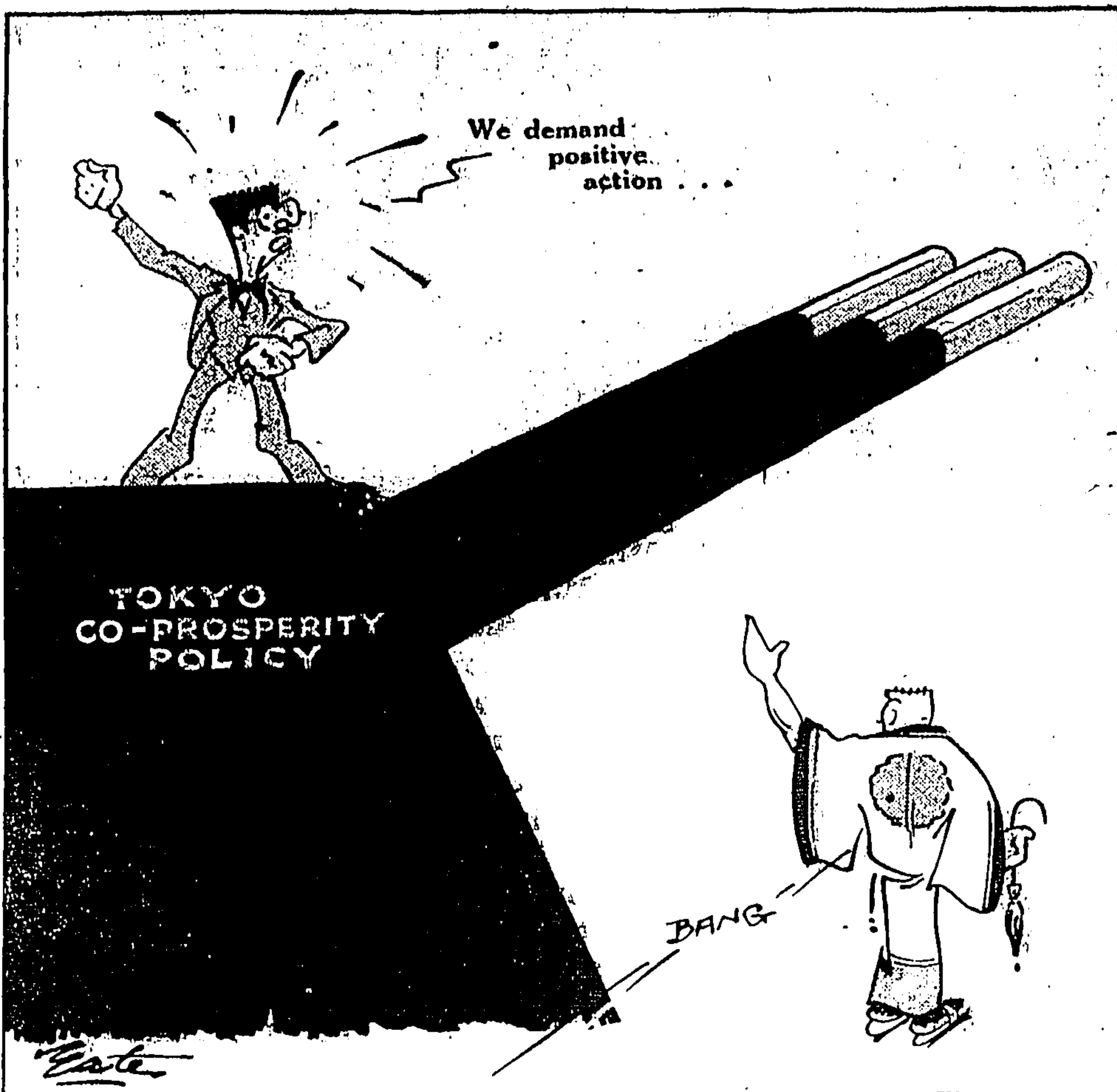
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ANNIVERSARY IN POLAND

The 150th anniversary of the adoption of the Polish Constitution, a Constitution born without bloodshed, out of the nation's free will, which gave the franchise to more classes of the population than in any other European country at that time, was celebrated recently. Poland then removed long-standing economic barriers between nobles and middle class, gave parliamentary representation to deputies from the cities, took the down-trodden peasantry under protection of the law and placed decisions on war and peace under parliamentary control. The new constitution declared all citizens to be "the defenders of national integrity and freedom" and the army "nothing but the defensive force derived from the general strength of the nation." At a time of world-wide political and religious persecution it declared: "Every man coming or returning to the state, as soon as he sets foot on Polish soil, becomes free." Hertzberg, Minister of the Prussian Frederick II, declared that its adoption was one of the great events of the century and predicted that it would have greater results even than the Revolution in France.

After a century and a half heart-breaking struggle against more powerful neighbours, Polish territory, twice before partitioned and occupied, is again in possession of the enemy. There could have been no celebration of the old free Constitution of 1791 in Warsaw this year. But Poland herself endures. Her Government, temporarily established in London, continues to function and Poles the world over give to it their staunch support. A Polish brigade formed a year ago and composed of men who made their way out through the deep snow of the Taurus Mountains is fighting the foe alongside the British in Egypt. New Polish battalions are forming on British soil and recruits from the motherland and Polish settlements abroad pour in to swell their ranks. Polish aviators are aiding in the defence of Britain and Polish sailors man Polish warcraft in the British fleet.

Poland lives on, waiting for her day of liberation and firm in the conviction that the day will come.



ASKING FOR IT

Between Two Wars

In the last year of the War of 1914-18 this country passed an act of faith—the Education Act, 1918—which was a landmark in our educational history.

That Act declared it to be the duty of the Local Education Authorities—who, under the supervision of the Board of Education, are responsible for educational administration—to provide for the progressive development and comprehensive organisation of education in their areas "with a view to the establishment of a national system of public education available for all persons capable of profiting thereby."

Within the limits of this short article it is not possible to trace, even in outline, the history of the progress made since that date. I will therefore content myself with throwing a spotlight on some outstanding features of our educational advance.

Helping The Child

The Act of 1918 abolished half-time attendance at elementary schools, and exemptions before the end of the term in which the age of 14 is reached. This secured a very large increase in the number of senior children in the elementary schools and necessitated a fresh consideration of the appropriate schooling to give them.

As a result the modern elementary school is now very different from its predecessors. It is no longer simply a box of classrooms in which children are taught the bare elements of primary education. Space is now provided for proper organisation which enables children to be grouped in accordance with their ages, attainments and abilities.

In short, the school has become something more than a teaching shop. It is a place with space, airiness, light, playgrounds and, where possible, playing fields which offer an environment in which young children can enjoy a happy and healthy growth.

In addition, provision has been made on a widely extended scale for practical instruction in handicrafts, domestic subjects and gardening.

In 1936 an Act was passed raising the age for compulsory school attendance to 15. By the time war broke out a scheme for the proper organisation of separate senior schools for senior elementary school pupils was well on the way towards completion.

The raising of the age has, however, had to be suspended during the war. It is one of the advances which we shall hope to take in hand as soon as possible after victory has been achieved.

During the war of 1914-1918 a remarkable and unexpected impetus was given to the growth

of our secondary education. In spite of acute difficulties the average size of grant-earning schools rose by over 40 per cent. during that period and ever since there has been steady growth.

Whereas in 1914 the number of pupils in State-aided secondary schools was 187,200 the number in 1938 was 470,000 of whom some 365,000 or 77 per cent. had passed on from public elementary schools. With this increase in secondary education and the better organisation of secondary

By Herwald Ramsbotham,

President of The Board of Education.

schools, a closer connection has been established between them and the Universities, as will be seen from the following figures.

Scholarships

In 1920, 2,800 pupils proceeded to a University from the grant-earning secondary schools. In 1938 the number had risen to 4,200.

This development owes much to the award of State scholarships granted to pupils in secondary schools and initiated in 1919. Starting with the award of 200 scholarships per annum the number has now been increased to 360.

Technical and commercial education in this country is largely pursued concurrently with employment, students taking their courses after working hours in the evenings. There is, indeed, a long tradition of evening class attendance. In normal times there are well over one million students in our evening classes.

This is not to say that there is not a measure of full-time technical and commercial education, both senior and junior. But the great mass of such education is, as I have said, a matter of part-time attendance.

It is not possible to show progress in terms of any striking increase in the number of students.

As far back as 1910, students enrolled in evening classes numbered over three-quarters of a million. But during the past 20 years there has been a steady development in the standard of provision made, and a number of up-to-date and well-equipped technical institutions have been brought into being.

It is a commonplace that bricks

and mortar alone do not make a good school, and that ultimately educational values depend on the teachers.

No doubt much of the advance that has been made since 1918 can be ascribed to the fact that since then the whole position of the teaching profession has been substantially raised. Admittedly prior to 1914 the remuneration of teachers was generally very low, but, since 1918, recognised scales of salary have been agreed upon, and service has been made pensionable under a State scheme.

As I have said, but for the war compulsory education would have been extended to the age of 15, but our progress has inevitably been broken. It is, indeed, sometimes thought that our educational system has been thrown completely out of gear by war-time conditions.

Naturally the impact of war has necessitated improvisations and enforced irregularities, but in general the system has stood up to such difficulties remarkably well.

Notwithstanding the upsets due to the evacuation of schoolchildren from vulnerable to safer areas, and damage to school premises by enemy action, over 4,435,000 out of some 4,600,000 children in our elementary schools are still enrolled for full-time schooling, a further 119,000 are receiving part-time instruction, while only some 41,000 are, at the time of writing, without schooling altogether.

Plans For The Future

Teachers and the Local Education Authorities have responded magnificently to the difficult tasks which have faced them. There is no doubt, too, that those children who have been transferred from town to country have benefited very greatly both physically and mentally. Quite apart from the advantages of fresh air and country life, they are finding new interests and new outlooks.

Once again, in the middle of a struggle for life and death we are thinking of educational development for the post-war period. We shall want to do our best for the future generations.

The two main advances which I hope to see secured are the raising of the school leaving age to 15 and the introduction of compulsory Day Continuation Schools.

If this system can be introduced we shall be able to look after the training and physical welfare of all our young people. The result will be a nation alert and fit in mind and body ready to take up whatever tasks a free democracy may be called upon to shoulder in the years that lie ahead.

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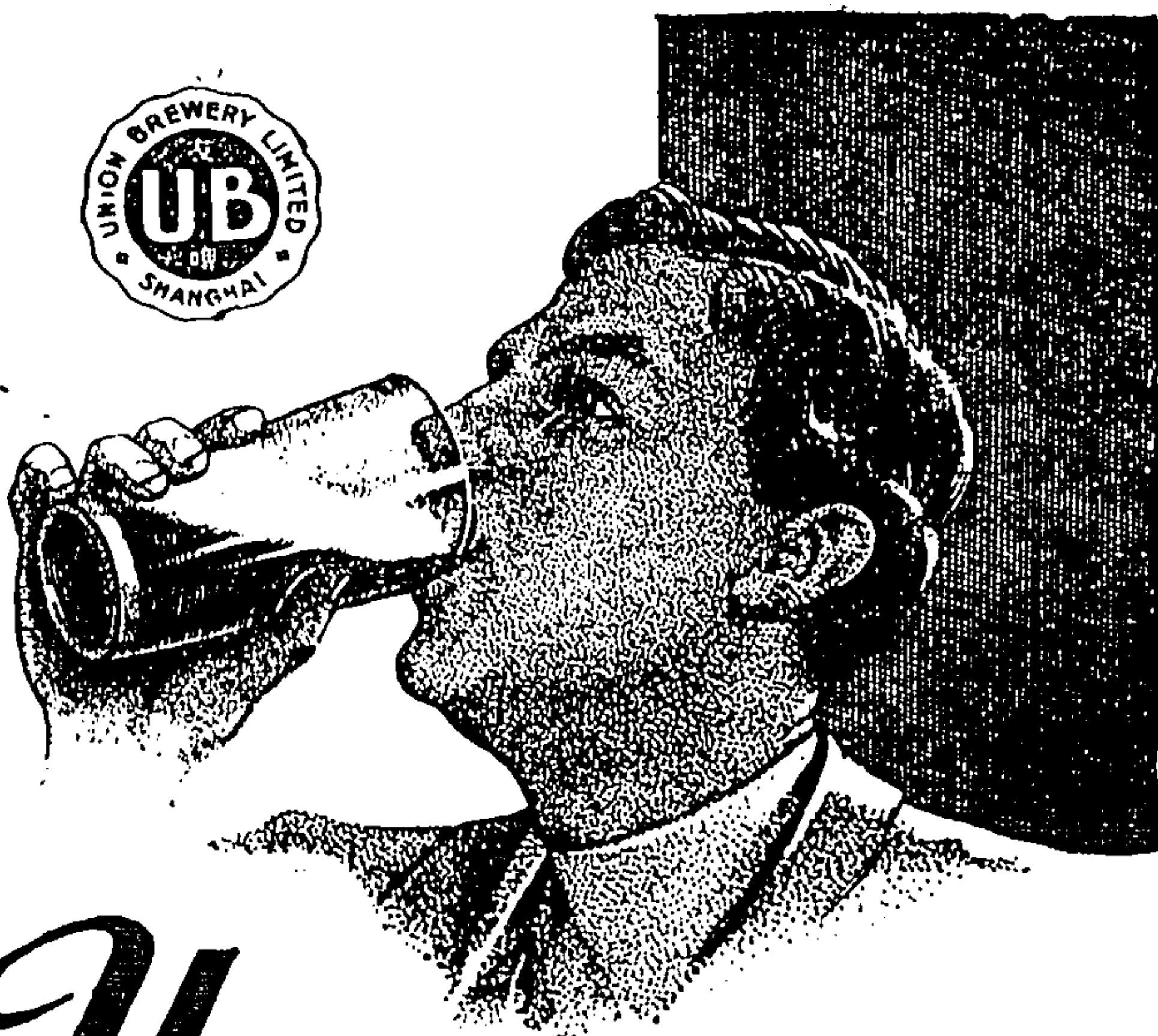
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CANADIAN NAVIES, THE GIANT BATTLESHIP, PRINCE OF WALES,
HAS REACHED A BRITISH PORT AND THUS ENDED THE PRIME
MINISTER'S AMAZING JOURNEY.**

I was in one of the British destroyers which formed the escort and never once did we sight any hostile craft, either in the air, in the sea or beneath.

It was truly an amazing voyage — amazing in the first place in the significance that the Prime Minister should travel across the Atlantic and hold a series of conferences with President Roosevelt, and in the second place that he should return in a blaze of publicity.

Officers aboard our destroyer scratched their heads and looked at me for an explanation when they heard over the ward-room wireless that Mr. Churchill was returning in the Prince of Wales.

It seemed to us that an open challenge had been issued to Hitler to do his worst, for here we were, many hundreds of miles out in the Atlantic, with all the dangerous U-boats infested waters still to go through — but it was a challenge that was never taken up.

It was a glorious afternoon as we sailed out of the naval base to keep the rendezvous with the Prince of Wales somewhere in the North Atlantic, and at that time no one but the captain of the ship knew the importance of the task ahead.

Early one morning, some days after leaving the naval base, we sighted a smudge on the horizon and as we approached it we could see through our glasses the immense outline of a giant battleship, flanked on both sides by Canadian destroyers.

The great ship was truly a noble sight, plunging through the Atlantic swell and throwing up great clouds of white spray as she dipped her bows in the waves.

Catalinas Overhead

We approached from head on and as we swooped to take our position there was a sudden flurry of destroyers all round the ship. In a very few minutes we had taken our position and were zigzagging with the other warships.

During the afternoon Catalina flying boats patrolled the air over us and one of them reported a large convoy some 50 or 60 miles ahead, bound for Britain.

The Prime Minister had never seen a large convoy at sea, so with a slight alteration of course we made towards them. After two or three hours we could see the convoy on the horizon. It was an incredible sight. As far as I could see, there were ships, tankers, freighters, supply ships, big ships, little ships and ships of every conceivable sort, all loaded to the waterline.

Eight Miles

They were ranged in lines — over eight miles of ships. Around them scurried their escort of corvettes and former American destroyers keeping the stragglers in line and always ready for the possible approach of danger.

We steamed straight towards them and then passed straight through the middle of the convoy. Each of the Prince of Wales' escorts chose its opening among the ships and as we dashed through the lines of merchantmen we could see that they realised who it was paying them this novel visit and we saw men running to hoist the V signal, in flags, while others stood on the decks waving and cheering.

The Prince of Wales was a proud sight. She had cocked all her 14-inch guns to their highest levels, and if Mr. Churchill was thrilled it was nothing to the excitement among the vessels of

the convoy. We steamed on for about two miles ahead of the convoy and then the Prince of Wales and her escort turned round and once more we all went through the lines of plunging ships.

If there had been enthusiasm before, it was nothing to what greeted us the second time. Every merchantman had had time to hoist flags and the crews lined the rails, waving their hats and shouting. We wished them God Speed and then resumed our original course which was to bring us to Iceland.

Day in Iceland

We stayed one day in Iceland during which the Prime Minister reviewed the British and American troops, and that evening we sailed again for a British port.

Earlier in the day in which we met the convoy, the Prince of Wales carried out a practice shoot with her anti-aircraft guns, watched by the Prime Minister and his party.

She first fired a smoke shell which exploded into a compact ball of smoke high in the sky and, using this as a target, she let loose with her guns, plastering the area round the ball of smoke with exploding shells.

This was followed by a barrage of fire, using every anti-aircraft gun aboard. The battleship's side seemed to be constantly flaming, so great was the rate of fire and the air all round her was black with exploding projectiles.

IT SEEMED UNBELIEVABLE THAT ONE SHIP COULD PUT UP SO DEVASTATING A BARRAGE.

On the journey from Iceland to Britain there was nothing to tell. With her escort screening her, the Prince of Wales, plunging ahead at speed, reached home safely after a most astounding trans-Atlantic voyage. — Reuter.

AUSTRALIA IN ACTION

"There is not a ship in the Royal Australian Navy that has not fired her guns in action."

"It has had its chance and you have seen the results — the Australian Navy is second to none," said Admiral Sir Ragnar Colvin, at the farewell on the eve of his departure for England, after having spent four years as the first naval member of the Common-

FELINE PLURALIST

I have just heard of a disgraceful case of pluralism in the Government service, writes a London correspondent.

It appears that a large black cat which frequented a Home Guard post not far from the Admiralty was adopted by the H.C. personnel manning the post. It was finally placed on the pay-roll, receiving an allowance of half a pint of milk daily from the platoon fund.

Then it was discovered that while in receipt of these emoluments from the War office the cat was also on the strength of the Royal Navy. It was, in fact, the official Admiralty cat, drawing pay and allowances for milk and cat's meat of 1s 6d a week.

The allowance used to be only 1s. Some time ago it was raised to meet the increased cost of living, though not without controversy.

Pepysian Precedent

One Admiralty official went so far as to minute that "in view of the need for national economy and the present situation in the fur trade, this type of destroyer should be put on the disposal list."

The Permanent Under-Secretary commented. It may not be realised that the marking of this paper is in accordance with the directions of my first predecessor in office, Mr. Samuel Pepys, who said that not even a cat should swing in the Navy Office but he should know it.

The First Lord of the day finally decided in favour of the cat, with the note that "considerations of humanity preclude any further delay in coming to a decision in this matter."

The conduct of this feline pluralist is therefore, without excuse. The scandal, however, is now at an end. The Home Guard post has been moved beyond the range of the cat's normal peregrinations. It now draws pay only from the Admiralty.

PARIS SABOTAGE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") A message from Vichy states that the Pgrs Police Prefecture has offered a million francs reward for information leading to the arrest of the French railway and air port facility saboteurs who also endangered the food supplies of occupied cities. — International News Service.

NO DAYLIGHT ATTACKS BY HUNS

"There is nothing to report" states a Ministry of Home Security communique relating to enemy activity over Britain yesterday. — British Wireless.

wealth Naval Board. He said that the progress of the Australian Navy had been smooth and harmonious; it was now thrice its pre-war size. — Reuter.

Red Army Unit Fights Way Out Of Encirclement

HOW A RED ARMY UNIT cut off by the enemy fought its way out and inflicted considerable loss on the enemy is told in a supplement to the Russian communique.

The unit, commanded by Commander Zagordonov, when cut off operated for 20 days in the rear of German troops and forced their way to territory held by the Red Army.

"Preserving their equipment, the Red Army men strove to cause the enemy the greatest possible losses. They mercilessly exterminated groups of German soldiers they met, destroyed transports, batteries, truck columns and headquarters and killed 240 Fascist soldiers.

"The commander of the unit and the political commissar led out of the encirclement, 520 Red Army men including 25 wounded, without losing a single gun, machine-gun or rifle," states the supplement which also tells of the rough handling of two Nazi battalions by another Russian unit commanded by Major Bashmagov.

Air Dog-Fight

It says that Major Bashmagov's unit supported by two artillery batteries attacked the enemy near a village.

The Germans hurled tanks and armoured cars into a counter-attack. A Russian bomber squadron commanded by Captain Comakins took off to bomb the German machines.

Fighting between enemy machines and Soviet aircraft lasted an hour and a half and ended in the defeat of the Germans.

Sixteen German machines were destroyed. Panic broke out in the German ranks.

In this fighting, Major Bashmagov's unit inflicted heavy losses upon two German infantry battalions. About 500 Germans were killed and wounded and 120 taken prisoner while the booty taken included seven tanks and 11 guns.—Reuter.

SOVIET RAID IN HUNGARY

SOVIET PLANES, FLYING OVER SLOVAKIA, ATTACKED THE HUNGARIAN TOWN OF KOMORON IN DAYLIGHT YESTERDAY, SAYS THE BUDAPEST RADIO.

Ten bombs are said to have been dropped, some falling on the Danube and others on the suburban districts where two people were killed. Komoron, which was ceded to Hungary by Slovakia after Czechoslovakia was broken up, is some 600 miles from the nearest Russian-held territory.—Reuter.

CHRISTMAS PARCELS FOR PRISONERS

THE PRIME MINISTER OF NEW ZEALAND, MR. PETER FRASER, YESTERDAY VISITED THE MAIN LONDON PACKING CENTRE OF FOOD PARCELS FOR BRITISH PRISONERS OF WAR AND SAW CHRISTMAS PARCELS BEING WRAPPED AND DISPATCHED.

Each one of the 72,000 parcels contain a pudding, a double ration of chocolate, chocolate biscuits and rye biscuits, jam, margarine, roast pork and stuffing, a tin of beefsteak and tomato, and a Christmas cake.

All are in special Christmas wrappings, and contain a greetings card from the British Red Cross.—Reuter.

REPORTS DENIED

Dr. T. F. Tsang, Secretary-General of the Executive Yuan, has denied reports that the Economic Council under the Executive Yuan will be reorganised into the Ministry of Economic Warfare and that General Ho Yao-tsu is to be slated Minister.—Central News.

COMPULSION OF WOMEN IF NECESSARY

Compulsory powers will, if necessary, be used in mobilising women for war work and the choice of occupations will be more restricted, said Mr. Ralph Asheton, Parliamentary Secretary to the Labour Ministry, in London yesterday, announcing a firmer policy regarding women for war work.

All women up to 30 years of age would be registered within the next four months and the older women would be required to come forward voluntarily to replace younger women transferred elsewhere.

He warned that if a woman who had registered was not already doing important work and did not join one of the women's services, she would be told that she must go into one of the limited number of occupations which included nursing, domestic work in hospital, work on aircraft, tank manufacture, semi-skilled engineering, land, army, service canteens and ordnance factories.—Reuter.

Labour Shortage

Mr. Asheton said that we have not only reached the point when there is no surplus manpower available but we have reached the point where it is becoming very difficult to satisfy all our important needs.

We must remember that there are many demands in this war which we did not have to meet in last. There is, to begin with, a vast new demand for men for the R.A.F. and for the great aircraft industry which supports it. There is also entirely the new demand of the civil defence services and the fire service owing to the fact that we have to meet war in our own homes as well as in the battlefields overseas.

As more and more men are called up the Services are badly in need of women to do work which was previously done by men, who are thus released for duties which women cannot undertake.

Although there is no conscription for women for the Forces in the normally accepted use of that word, there certainly is compulsion for war work and compulsion will be applied in cases where this is necessary.

Our experience so far in dealing with the callup of women has been very favourable. Girls are generally ready and willing to do what is wanted and I need hardly say they are most anxious to help their country.—British Wireless.

POLISH STOWAWAYS

Two Poles, Gerszel Apfelbaum, 37, and Szepele Lewin, 28, were remanded for 24 hours by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning when charged with stowing away to the Colony.

GAOL FOR BOY

A 16-year-old boy, who had two previous convictions, was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning for snatching a wrist watch from Miss Wai Chi-ming in Nathan Road.

LESS FISH AND CHIPS

Fish friers may have to close one or two nights a week and others may have to go out of business because of the shortage of fats for frying.

TRIBUTE TO LORD WILLINGDON

A TRIBUTE TO THE WORK OF THE LATE LORD WILLINGDON IN CONNECTION WITH THE BOXER INDEMNITY FUND WAS PAID THIS MORNING BY MR. HAN LIH-WU, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE BOXER INDEMNITY BOARD.

"There are many achievements to the credit of the late Lord Willingdon, and not the least was the part he played in the return of the British Boxer Indemnity Funds," said Mr. Han.

"Lord Willingdon visited China in 1926 as Chairman of the Delegation from the Boxer Indemnity Committee, and presented a very able report which laid down the principles on which the British Boxer Indemnity Funds could best be used.

"It would be fitting that, at an appropriate date, some way should be found permanently to record Lord Willingdon's services in determining an equitable disposal of these funds."

JAPANESE FOOD SHORTAGE

A SERIOUS FOOD SHORTAGE IN JAPAN WAS STRESSED YESTERDAY BY COLONEL LUANG VIRA YODHA, MILITARY ATTACHE TO THE THAI LEGATION IN TOKYO, WHO ARRIVED IN BANGKOK YESTERDAY ON HIS FIRST HOME LEAVE AFTER SEVEN YEARS IN JAPAN.

"I have gone without pork for the last three years because it simply cannot be had," he said in an interview.

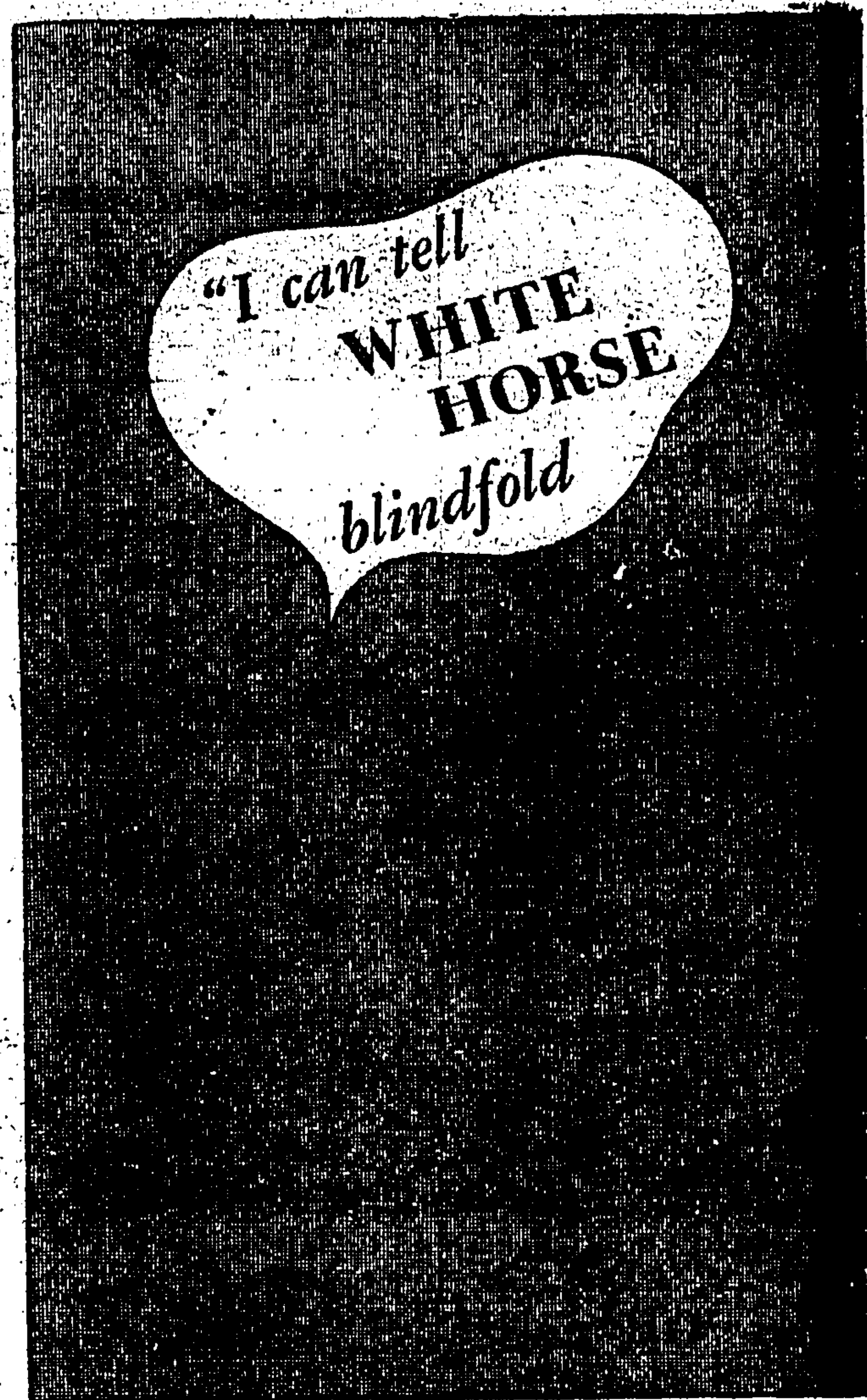
"Once in a while I could get some other meat. Sugar is scarce. Milk is sold only to invalids and every morning there is a scramble for vegetables.

"The rice I had in Japan is of an inferior quality. I must now eat plenty of Thai rice as I have been famished for a very long time," he laughingly added.—Reuter.

JAPANESE REPULSED

THE JAPANESE DRIVE IN HONAN HAS BEEN REPULSED WITH HEAVY LOSSES, DECLARED THE CHINESE MILITARY SPOKESMAN AT YESTERDAY AFTERNOON'S PRESS CONFERENCE IN CHUNGKING. He added that the Japanese launched their drive apparently to cover withdrawals and also in an attempt to disperse Chinese concentrations threatening Japanese advance bases.

Five thousand Japanese in Sinyang, important city on the Peiping-Hankow Railway, pushed north-westward towards Ping-chingkuang. After six days' hard fighting, the spokesman declared, the Japanese were driven back to their original positions suffering 1,500 casualties.—Reuter.



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BRIDGE NOTES

OVERCOMING A BAD BREAK

By The Four Aces

Nobody really welcomes bad breaks, but one thing can be said for them: They show whether you have the right sort of stuff in you as no amount of good breaks would. We're moved to this sermonising by a hand sent in by Mr. Booker Linton, of St. Louis:

South, Dealer
North-South vulnerable

NORTH

♠ K J 7 6 3
♥ 10 4
♦ 9 7 4
♣ Q 6 3

WEST

♠ —
♥ K Q J 5 3
♦ K Q 5 3 2
♣ 10 8 4

EAST

♠ Q 10 6
♥ 9 6 2
♦ 10 8 6
♣ K 9 5 2

SOUTH

♠ A 9 8 4 2
♥ A 8 7
♦ A J
♣ A J 7

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	2♥	Pass	Pass
Dbl.	3♠	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

"After winning the heart opening," writes Mr. Linton, who identifies South only as one of the players in his regular game, "South led the Ace of spades and discovered that he had a sure loser in trumps in addition to a loser in each of the red suits.

"Even if the club King lay under the Ace, there would still be a loser in the suit unless East could be forced to lead away from his King. So South led a heart back to West, won the diamond return, ruffed his last heart and put West in with a diamond. West led a third diamond, which South ruffed, and now the red suits were gone from South hands.

"South then led to dummy's King of spades and gave East his trump trick. East had to lead clubs, giving South his contract. Two club leads by West might have defeated the contract, but after all he was trying to protect his ten and his partner's holding in the suit."

Nevertheless, we think West should have led clubs; but we grant that for West to lead clubs as soon as he is given his first heart trick takes much imagination and confidence in South's ability to play the hand skillfully. In any case, South's ability to overcome the bad trump break demonstrated his skill as no number of lay-down hands could.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ Q J 5
♥ K J 7 3 2
♦ A Q 9
♣ 7 4

The bidding:
Jacobby Schenken Maier You
1♠ Dbl. 1♥ (?)

ANSWER: Double. The heart bid may be a "psychic" and you must show it up by taking prompt action. If it is a legitimate bid, you would be delighted to defend against one heart doubled.

Score 100% for double, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 798

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Jacobby	Schenken	Maier	You
1♠	Dbl.	1♥	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	2♣	(?)

What do you bid? (Answer)

To-morrow.)

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NURSES MAY FLY ACROSS ATLANTIC

An authoritative United States source said in London it probably would be suggested to Washington that United States nurses sent to Britain come by plane instead of by ship.

American representatives were said to regard future transportation of United States citizens to England by boat a grave problem.

Yet to come are young physicians President Roosevelt had requested through the Red Cross and technicians to operate radio locators.

Red Cross Harvard Hospital nurses who survived the sinking of the former Netherlands vessel Massadam told their story of the torpedoing in the Atlantic to United States Ambassador John G. Winant.

Mr. Winant, at whose request the interview was said to have been arranged, questioned each on even minutest details.

FREE HUNGARY MOVEMENT

It is now confirmed that Tibor Eckhardt, the Hungarian Agrarian Leader, has been refused a visa to come to England, and is on his way to the United States.

Meanwhile the Free Hungarian movement in Britain lacks unity. The Monarchists rally around Otto von Habsburg, whose London representative is his brother Archduke Robert.

The Liberals are followers of Count Beihen. They include those members of the Hungarian Legation who have resigned and decided to stay in Britain. The Progressive Democrats are led by Count Michael Karolyi, who now has his headquarters in London.

Fourthly, there is a "Legion Movement," a non-party group which seeks to organise a Hungarian legion on the side of the Allies. It is led by Count Lonyai, who was Military Governor of the Ukraine in the last war.

NEGROES TO HAVE OWN AIR UNIT

The U.S. War Department announces that 10 young Negroes qualified as aviation cadets would begin training at Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Ala., as pilots for the 99th Pursuit Squadron.

The 99th will be the first tactical unit in the Army air forces composed of Negro soldiers. Eventually 100 Negro aviation cadets will be in training annually to provide flyers for the 33-pilot squadron. The department said that an air base is being constructed at Tuskegee for the Negro squadron by a Negro architect and a Negro construction concern.

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BABY UNCLAIMED

Scotland Yard is trying to trace the parents of a seven-months-old baby boy which was taken into an East London hospital by a soldier during an air raid. The hospital authorities thought at the time that the baby's parents were among the casualties. When the casualties had been cleared the baby was left unclaimed.

GERMANS SEEK U.S. OIL

Dr. Kurt Rieth, German minister in Austria during the unsuccessful Nazi "putsch" in 1934, has been in New York for two months trying to buy large American-owned petrol properties in Eastern Europe, especially a Hungarian subsidiary of the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, according to the "New York Herald Tribune."

Rieth, says the paper, arrived at Rio de Janeiro by air with orders to form special commissions to further Axis interests in Latin America and the United States, and to hinder by every means the application of the Lease and Lend Act.

BROTHERS NEVER MET

Two Navy men who had never seen each other before met in a service man's centre in Charleston. They began to chat and after a brief talk found out they were brothers.

The elder was Chief Petty Officer Claude Page 22, of New York, who enlisted in the Navy in 1919. The other was G. D. Page, 19, who was born three years after Claude left home. G. D. enlisted three years ago, and is now a pharmacist's mate. Both the brothers have corresponded with their mother, Mrs. A. V. Hitesman in New York but have never written to each other.

WHAT R.A.F. DID TO MANNHEIM

"A whole shoot of works" at Mannheim, the German industrial city of 200,000 people on the Rhine, have been wrecked and ruined by R.A.F. bombs, an American observer just back from Germany told me, writes Laurence Wilkinson, to the "Daily Express" from Lisbon.

He added, "Any Englishman who could see what has been done there would feel that he had lost some of his grievances."

Among the major military objectives are the Lanzfarbriken plant, where war machinery and tractors are made, and the Hanomagwerke motor factory which has taken a series of heavy blows in recent weeks.

Production at the Lanzfarbriken works was stopped for some time as the clearing-up of the wreckage alone took several days.



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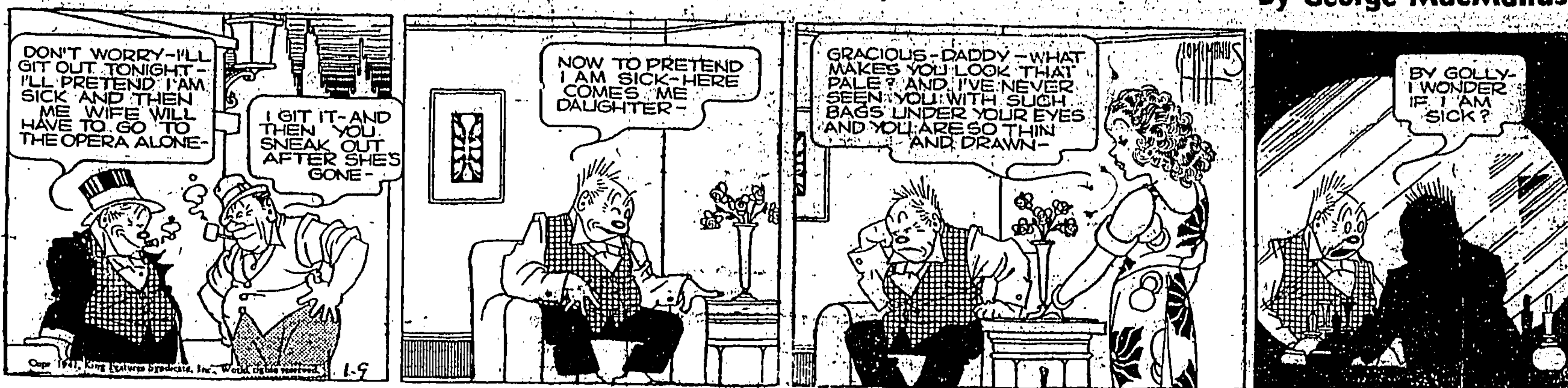
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Blame Overeating Habit

Statistics indicate that from ninety-five to ninety-eight per cent. of all overweight men and women have their lack of will-power only to blame for those cumbersome extra pounds. Only from three to five per cent. of the country's fatties actually suffer from a glandular disturbance which causes food to turn to fat. Overweight seems to be caused by nothing more or less than overeating!

Once a person gets into the habit of eating everything she desires at any time, it is most difficult to accept discipline. Scientific eating (a plan of menus and choice of foods to keep you fit and slim) demands that your meal hours be as regular as possible, that in-between sundaes and other snacks be discontinued, that you concentrate on fresh, simply prepared foods, particularly fresh vegetables and fruits, that you deny yourself rich foods which do not keep you healthy but do add unnecessary pounds, and that you exert will-power to learn to like foods which are good for you. Scientific eating wants you to have enough to eat, but it warns you against overeating.

Statistics also teach us that the lean man or woman lives longer and enjoys life more. Not the too thin person—but the lean man of normal weight and measurement and agility.

Inactivity is an invitation to eat more. That will surprise you, but it is true. Just think back on your last holiday. Didn't you have a ravenous appetite at meal time and didn't you think of taking a drink or a snack between meals? Yes, if you sit around with little to do it is very, very easy to make extra trips to the icebox and to think of all the good things you would like to eat. So Motto One—Keep busy between meals and do not think about food!

Why Fat People Are Not Healthy

The definitely overweight people are not healthy. Despite the amounts of food they consume the chances are they are not giving their bodies proper nutrition. Their appetites run to cream and sugar, luscious rich desserts, sauces and gravies, rich baked dishes, pastries, sundaes



The loveliest of young women is no more beautiful than the food she eats. A Zurich Room luncheon designed to supply an abundance of minerals and vitamins includes Apricot Solistee, combining twenty-one raw fruits and vegetables in a delicious plate.

and sodas, big portions of meats to your life and much, much and breads. Particularly hot happiness.

Ask an overweight to eat a vegetable dinner, or a large mixed green salad at lunch time, with a glass of milk and a couple of slices of whole wheat bread and watch her frown! No soup? No meat? No desert? No iced coffee with whipped cream? Never!!! But such discipline is essential if you are going to turn over a new leaf and endeavour to refashion your figure, freshen your beauty, and be more alert for the good things there are in life. Whittling down those measurements is quite likely to add years

So why not begin to-day and **MAKE YOURSELF FAT SENSIBLY.** Begin by eating smaller servings for one week. The next week substitute simple foods for rich foods. The next week deny yourself extra snacks and drinks. By that time you will begin to feel better and it will be simple to introduce more of the essential vitamin and mineral nourishment into your menus such as whole grains, fresh vegetables and fruits, lean meats, fish dishes, simple fruit desserts and salads of many mixtures. In two months time you will be a happy beauty!

The Bride's Scrapbook

Keeping things clean rather than making them clean is one of the secrets of an orderly, well-run home.

A few minutes a day spent in washing window sills, window frames, skirting-boards and other dust-catching wooden surfaces with soap and water are worth hours of work crowded into a single day.

Don't connect gas appliances with rubber hose. The rubber deteriorates in a short time and becomes porous, allowing gas to escape and endangering lives and property.

Only iron piping with solid joints, or that officially approved, is safe to use for gas.

Dirty clotheslines and clothes-peg leave smudgings on freshly washed clothes, so both should have periodic washings. Put them in the copper and let them boil for a few minutes, or scrub on a rubber board with a firm brush after way

a preliminary soaking.

Always use a dry cloth to remove hot glass dishes from the oven. A damp cloth may cause the utensil to crack and also may burn your hands. And always soak hot glass dishes in warm water.

Upholstered furniture should be well vacuumed, and moth-preventives should be placed or sprayed under cushions and in crevices.

Before storing things in cupboards see that the cupboards are thoroughly washed, cleaned and disinfected.

If you have vegetable stains on your fingers rub them off with cut potato. Wash well in cold water.

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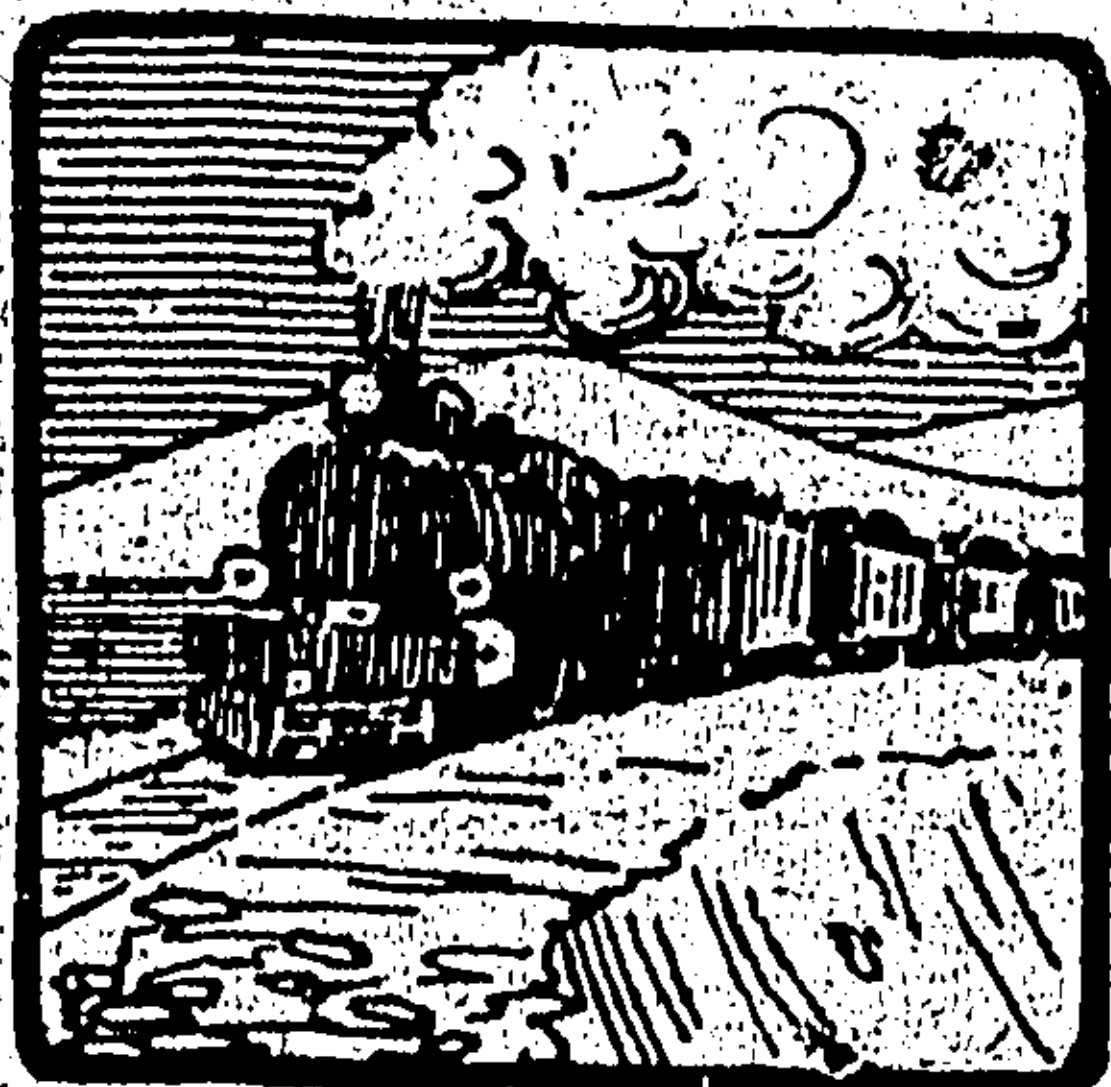
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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Interce-

sion.

12.30 p.m.—The Hill Billies in Variety. Vocal—Sweet Norah O'Neill; Mem-

ories of An Old Cow Hand... The Hill Billies with own novelty accomp.

Xylophone—The Mouse, The Piano And The Cat (Casson); Rod Hearts (Simpson & Charrosin)... Jack Simpson with Orchestra.

Vocal—When That Harvest Moon Is Shining (G. Stevens)... The Hill Billies with own novelty accomp.

Vocal—Just A Crazy Song (Smith & Williams); This Is The Day Of Days (Dixon & Woods)... Eddie Peabody & Chorus with Piano.

Vocal—Yodeling Hobo (Ted & Ezra); The Sunset Trail (Kennedy & Carr)... The Hill Billies with own novelty accomp.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—Anton and The Paramount Theatre Orchestra with Al Bollington (Organ).

The Gold Diggers of 1937—Selection (Warren & others); A Day At The Races—Selection (Kaper & Jermann)... Anton & The Paramount Theatre Orchestra.

Lionel Monckton Melodies—Intro: Soldiers in the Park; Chalk Farm to Camberwell Green; Fly Away Jack: A Simple Little String; When I Marry Amelia; Grandmamma; Brighton; Moonstruck; Arcady is ever young; It's The Drum; Come To The Ball; A Country Girl (Arr. Stanford Robinson)... Al Bollington.

Medley Of Paso-Dobles—Intro: A Spanish Gipsy Dance (Marquena); Castilliana (Pana); The Girl From Madrid (Porschman); The Spirit of the Matador (Pana); Juanita (Fernandez); A Girl Like You (Ricardo)... Anton & The Paramount Theatre Orchestra with Al Bollington at the Organ.

Irving Berlin Memories—Intro: What'll I Do; Blue Skies; Always; How Deep Is The Ocean; Say It With Music; You Forgot to Remember; Say It Isn't So; The Song Is Ended... Al Bollington.

Wake Up And Live—Selection... Anton & The Paramount Theatre Orchestra with Al Bollington at the Organ.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections. "Words And Music"—Selection (Noel Coward)... The New Mayfair Orch.

Follow Through—Vocal Gems—Intro: Button Up Your Overcoat; My Luckv Star; I Want To Be Bad; You Wouldn't Fool Me, Would You? ... Light Opera Company with Orchestra.

Musical Comedy Marches—Intro: Riff Song (Desert Song); The Mounties (Rose-Marie); Song Of The Drum (Song of the Drum); The Three Musketeers (The Three Musketeers); Tokay (Bitter Sweet); The Robbers' March (Chu Chin Chow); Love's Sogtry (Madame Pompadour); Goodbye (The White Horse Inn)... Light Opera Company with Orchestra.

Anything Goes—Selection (Cole Porter)... Jack Hylton & his Orch.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—Dance Music.

Quick-Step—Roadhouse Revels; Slow Fox-Trot—Heaven Will Be Heavenly... Jack Hylton & his Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—Boogie Woogie Maxie; High Society... Bob Crosby & his Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—Nobody But My Baby; Candy Lips... Louis Armstrong's Original Washboard Beaters.

Tangos—Sierra Chica; Tango M's... Juan Lloasas & his Tango Orch.

Slow Fox-Trot—Melody Maker (from film "Band Wagon"); Fox-Trot—The Only One Who's Difficult Is You ("Band Wagon")... Jack Hylton & his Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—West End Blues; If It's Good Then I Want It... Louis Armstrong & his Orchestra.

Waltzes—That Naughty Waltz; Missouri Waltz... Victor Young & his Orchestra.

7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—War Commentary.

8.25 p.m.—London Relay—"Listening Post". Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

8.32 p.m.—Studio—Saxophone Recital by Palapo.

1. Simple Confession (Francis Thome); 2. Sonata No. 3 (G. F. Handel); 3. Melodie (Tchaikovsky); 4. Valse Vanite (Rudy Wiedoeft).

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 p.m.—Arntzenius—"At The Court Of Frederick the Great". Musica Antiqua. Speakers: N. Dalton, C. Barrett, N. Angler, H. Sartor. Directed by Nicholas Roth.

9.26 p.m.—Orchestra Raymonde and Dania (Vocal). The Dancing Clock (Ewing); Poupes Valsanto (Poldini)... Orchestra Raymonde.

La Fille Aux Maitois (Diamant Berger & Reale); Tu Ne Sais Pas Almer; Waltz... Dania with Orch. Gounod In Vienna (Arr. G. Walter)... Orchestra Raymonde.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Marcel Palletti at the Organ. La Danza (Rossini); Musica Proibita (Gastaldon); Feramora—Dance of the Brides of Kashmir (Rubinstein); Sylvia Ballet—Fantasy (Debussy).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—"Fighter Pilot". A Radio Impression of part of the work of the R.A.F. Flying Training Command written and produced by Cecil McGivern.

10.48 p.m.—Military Band Concert with Raymond Newell (Baritone).

Fanfares... Kneller Hall Musicians, Follow Me—Ome—A Barrack-Room Ballad (Kipling & Ward-Higgs)... Raymond Newell with Orchestra.

PRESS IN EXILE PUSHES FIGHT ON HITLERISM

THIN SHEETS of paper, printed once a week in London in a variety of languages, are playing an important part in the struggle against Hitlerism.

Through these official gazettes and papers, the governments-in-exile now allied with Great Britain are knitting a war effort that reaches into every corner of the globe.

Gathered in exhibit at the Library of Congress, these Polish, Czechoslovakian, Netherlands, Norwegian, Free French, Belgian, and Luxemburgian publications are a graphic reminder of men's determination to regain and maintain their freedom, no matter if the battle must be fought far from home.

The papers fall into two classes. The first is the more formal official gazette in which the government-in-exile prints its decrees, registers formal protests against enemy actions, and which serves as a means of communication among its officials in all parts of the world. The second is the more homey newspaper, printed for exiles far from family and homes and dealing primarily in encouraging statements from Britain and native sources. The latter publication also reports on the activities of exile groups.

Paper For Soldiers

A good example of the latter type is the Polska Walczaka, published weekly in London for Polish soldiers abroad. In its Christmas issue, which was outstanding for beautiful woodcut-like illustrations on its front page, it contained holiday greetings from the President of the Republic, the Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces, and the Chairman of the National Council.

The woodcuts, reminiscent of the soldier's homeland and of the present stern duties before him, contrasted the star of Bethlehem and a flight of bombers, a Polish peasant playing his violin before a village church, and a Polish soldier on guard against the chalk cliffs of England.

Poland is the first to be represented by an Official Gazette, which was issued at Paris on September 25, 1939, containing the proclamations issued in Poland on September 17, 1939, transferring the seat of government to the territory of a friendly ally and the executive power to the Polish Ambassador in Rome. Other numbers exhibited show the Polish law collection as first issued in France on Oct. 31, 1939, and as last issued on April 30, 1940, as well as the final issue of the Polish Gazette in France, dated May 20, 1940.

The first number of the Polish Law Gazette printed in London is dated Jan. 21, 1941. Two issues of the weekly issued in London by the Polish Ministry of War for the Polish forces abroad also are shown.

Czechoslovakian Gazette

For Czechoslovakia, the first number of the Official Gazette-in-Exile is dated Paris, Jan. 1, 1940, and contains the agreement between the French Government and the Provisional Czechoslovak Government concerning the establishment of the Czechoslovak Army in France.

The origins of the Czechoslovak Government-in-Exile are exhibited in the official paper for the Czechs and Slovaks abroad first issued in Paris on April 28, 1939, some weeks after the invasion of Czechoslovakia. Under date of May 29, 1940, the final issue of the Official Gazette, appeared in France. The next issue was printed at London on Dec. 4, 1940, the Government having been recognised as functioning in England by the British Government on July 21, 1940.

For Belgium, the first issue of the Official Gazette of the Government-in-Exile in France is for May 18-30, 1940, and contains the Cabinet decree announcing that the King, under the power of

The Old Frog Pond—Characteristic Air: Parade of the Elephants—Characteristic (Chenette); Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards cond. by Capt. George Miller.

For England (H. J. Brandon & Alan Murray)... Raymond Newell with Instrumental Accomp.

11.15 p.m.—Close down.

the invader, was unable to reign. The first issue of the Belgian Gazette-in-Exile in England bears the date Nov. 22, 1940.

Norse Document

For the Netherlands, the Dutch Guiana Official Gazette of May 17, 1940, contains a telegram of the previous day from the Dutch Minister of Colonies to the authorities at Paramaribo announcing that the Netherlands Government was exercising from London its full authority over the unoccupied parts of the Kingdom. The first number of the Dutch Official Gazette to appear in London bears the date May 24, 1940.

For Norway, the first issue of the Law Gazette was printed in England on Aug. 15, 1940. This was a revision of the number issued in Norway on May 9, 1940, which contained the orders issued in April begining with the invasion on April 9. Under date of Aug. 30, 1940, the Norwegian Department of Foreign Affairs began publication at London of a weekly for Norwegians in England.

For the Free French forces under the leadership of General de Gaulle in London, the publication of an Official Journal began on Jan. 20, 1941. French Equatorial Africa, organised on Sept. 1, 1940, as Free French Africa, by the representative of General de Gaulle, began issuing its Official Journal at Brazzaville on Sept. 15, 1940.

The latest of the exiled gazettes is represented by the of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, dated Feb. 15, 1941, containing decrees issued by the Grand Ducal Government-in-Exile at Montreal.

HEATED SUITS FOR DIVERS

With new electrically heated diving suits, insulated with glass cloth, divers will be able to descend deeper into the sea, stay down longer, and still retain clearer heads than they could before.

Formerly, a diver was supplied with ordinary air, which consists of a mixture of oxygen and Nitrogen. To overcome the pressure of many feet of water above, this has to be considerably compressed. Under these conditions, nitrogen dissolves in the blood and enters the tissues. If he then ascends too rapidly, and the pressure is reduced, the nitrogen comes out of the blood and forms bubbles in the veins and arteries, causing intense pain. This is called the "bends."

When First Tested

By using in place of air a mixture of oxygen and helium, once rare gas, now used for filling balloons and airships, the danger of the bends is greatly reduced, because of the lessened tendency of helium to dissolve in the blood and body tissues. Also it has been found that divers can maintain mental clarity over a longer period and at greater depths with the helium mixture.

When it was first tried, however, divers found that they were much more sensitive to cold than formerly, and this, of course, hampered their work. Then electrically heated suits with normally insulated wires in the underwear worn by the diver were tried. This resulted in fire danger, for the insulation is highly inflammable with so much oxygen present.

The new suits are insulated with fibreglass, which is cloth woven of thin glass fibres, and is non-inflammable. The wires are insulated with glass, and they are sewn with glass thread between two layers of fibreglass cloth in the diver's underwear.

INDIAN WATCHMAN ON TRIAL FOR MURDER

INCIDENTS CONNECTED with the shooting of Kesar Singh on June 11 near the Central Market were related at the Criminal Sessions this morning when, before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, Pritam Singh was charged with murder.

Mr. E. H. Williams, Crown Counsel, assisted by Inspector L. R. Whant, is for the prosecution, while accused is defended by Mr. G. She instructed by Mr. M. A. Silva. The jury empanelled was: Messrs. M. Pirene (foreman), Lee Shiu-ku, J. A. Parrish, Parkin Woo, Chan Chiu-hee, J. A. Raptis and Huai Tuck-cha.

Mr. Williams said that accused was an Indian watchman, as was deceased. Accused was employed at the Cheong Yee Money Chang-ers in Queen's Road Central near the Central Market, while deceased was employed at the Wing Lee Bank, also in Queen's Road Central.

In 1939, accused held a job at the King's Silk Store but lost it. Pritam Singh, on the recommendation of another watchman, secured the position. Deceased apparently resented this and there was a feeling between the two. In February, they had a quarrel and as a result deceased was fined and bound over. Deceased seemed to harbour resentment and early this year there was another quarrel and a witness would say that abusive language was used. There was an argument but they were separated and accused persuaded to leave.

On June 11, accused went on duty at 7 a.m. and, as usual, was given his revolver and 12 rounds of ammunition. The employers of deceased would say that he was not armed, had no revolver and only carried a stick. Evidence would show that both men were in the vicinity about two hours later.

Heard A Bang

A foki of a roast meat shop would say he heard a bang and then four or five loud reports and a commotion in the street. He then noticed he was injured in the ankle.

Talak Singh, a watchman, would say that he was sitting on a stool and saw deceased standing near a pillar with a stick. Then he went inside and heard a bang like the bursting of a tyre. He came out and saw deceased in the

same position and accused at a narrow entrance with a revolver in his hand pointed in the direction of deceased. Accused fired a shot which struck deceased on the cheek. Deceased turned round while Talak Singh ran into the shop to telephone the police. There he heard three more shots.

Chang Yau-kam, a foki, saw the two Indians about two yards apart and saw two shots fired at deceased.

Chan Wing, a street coolie, who was sitting with his back against a pillar heard three shots and saw deceased collapse.

A police constable who was on duty rushed up and, seeing what was happening, hid behind a pillar to pounce on accused. He noticed deceased on the ground and heard two or three more shots fired. With the assistance of another watchman, he disarmed accused. The cylinder of the revolver was loose and there was a struggle before the revolver was taken away. In accused's hand were seven rounds and, Mr. Williams suggested, accused intended to reload his revolver.

Accused's Story

Accused was taken to the Police station. Here Inspector Whant noticed that his clothing was in order and that his turban was not disarranged, nor were there any marks on the body. Accused was cautioned and asked about the incident. He said that he was talking to another Indian when deceased came up and put his closed fist on his chest. Deceased put his hand on the revolver. There was a struggle, two rounds went off and deceased fell to the ground. When formally charged, accused said that he was assaulted and repeated the story.

Deceased was taken to hospital but died later. The post mortem showed that accused had two bullets in him and that the dangerous wound was in the centre of the back. Mr. Williams said deceased was a big man and it was not possible for one man to put his hand behind the other in the struggle and inflict the injuries.

The Crown's case was that accused fired the shots which killed deceased without any provocation. The case is proceeding.

SCHOOLS' AQUATIC HEATS

Heats for five events of the Inter-Schools Swimming sports under the auspices of the Victoria Recreation Club were swum yesterday. Heats for the other events will be held to-day, commencing at 7 p.m.

Following were the results of yesterday's heats:

SENIOR BOYS

100 Yards free-style:—Heat No. 1: J. Gomes (La Salle) and Wm. Teo (St. Stephen's) (dead heat). Time: 63 secs. Heat No. 2: 1. Donald Young (St. Joseph's); 2. Andrew Fung (St. Joseph's); 3. G. Rossetti (D.B.S.). Time: 69-4/5 secs.

100 Yards breast-stroke:—Heat No. 1: 1. Kwong Chiu-shung (La Salle); 2. Lee Cheuk-lam (Nam Wah). Time: 65 secs. Heat No. 2: 1. Chan Koon-tan (St. Joseph's); 2. Kwong Yiu-wing (La Salle); 3. G. Wong (La Salle). Time: 66 secs.

100 Yards back-stroke:—Heat No. 1: 1. A. V. Lopes (La Salle); 2. Andrew Fung (St. Joseph's); 3. Ip Ting-yue (St. Stephen's). Time: 78-4/5 secs. Heat No. 2: 1. J. Gomes (Salle); 2. Boone Slong-loy (St. Stephen's). Time: 87-2/5 secs.

Diving 3-Metre Board:—1. Ng Shu-hoo (St. Stephen's); 2. J. Anderson, Jr. (St. Joseph's).

JUNIOR BOYS

50 Yards free-style:—Heat No. 1: 1. K. Thomas (St. Stephen's); 2. W. Ribeiro (La Salle); 3. A. Marques (La Salle). Time: 33-2/5 secs. Heat No. 2: 1. Wong Peng-ku (St. Stephen's); 2. Chen Yen-twee (St. Stephen's). Time: 37-4/5 secs.

I.R.C. BEAT K.I.T.C.

At King's Park, Indian Recreation Club beat Kowloon Indian Tennis Club by 7 sets to 2 in Fourth Division of Lawn Tennis League on Sunday.

Y. J. Khan and K. S. Mehra (K.I.T.C.) lost to M. S. Hussain and M. I. Razack 2-6
beat M. H. Hassan and A. J. Sufiad 6-3
lost to G. Singh and K. Singh 2-6
Jahan Dad and G. M. Khan (K.I.T.C.) lost to Hussain and Razack 3-6
beat Hassan and Sufiad 6-3
lost to Singh and Singh 2-6
S. S. Ramchand and K. Tirth (K.I.T.C.) lost to Hussain and Razack 3-6
lost to Hassan and Sufiad 2-6
lost to Singh and Singh 1-6

Table To Date

	Sets	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
S.C.A.A.	10	10	0	0	74	18	20	
C.C.C.	10	9	1	0	72 1/2	17 1/2	18	
C.R.C.	9	7	2	0	61 1/2	20 1/2	14	
F.C.	10	7	3	0	53	29	14	
I.R.C.	10	5	4	1	40 1/2	49 1/2	11	
A.T.C.	9	4	4	1	45	30	9	
P.O.R.C. (1)	10	4	6	0	40	50	8	
C.B.A.	7	2	5	0	23 1/2	36 1/2	4	
P.O.R.C. (2)	6	1	7	0	14	58	2	
J.R.C.	9	1	8	0	26	55	2	
K.I.T.C.	10	0	10	0	9 1/2	80 1/2	0	

BOMB SHOCKED BABIES

London babies who have been bomb-shocked have reason to be grateful to the British War Relief Society of America for the work they are financing to bring back health and strength to numbers of little nerve-sufferers. In an airy green-walled room in a London suburb, furnished with a trapeze, climbing-ropes and ladders, Estrid Dane gives 46 children courses of medical gymnastics two or three times a week.

Mrs. Dane, Danish-born but now a British subject, is expert at treating bomb-shocked children and also at preventing this nervous trouble. At first it may be a little alarming to watch her at work. She will pick up a naked four-months' old baby by the heels, for instance, and swing her off the exercise couch into space; she will roll her about, hold her sprawling in mid-air.

Four-year-old Malcolm Spencer, Mrs. Dane's oldest patient, was a nervous wreck after many bad raids. Mrs. Dane gave him a good rub down, put him on the bars, made him jump down, a baby chute, and in a few days Malcolm was putting on weight. Mrs. Dane is a disciple of Professor Neumann Neurodo, of Berlin, who experimented on his own children.

HARRIS AND SOUTAR WIN EASILY

At Kowloon Bowling Green Club, W. B. Harris and A. Soutar, of Police Recreation Club beat A. E. Perry and J. M. Jack, of Kowloon Cricket Club, by 34-13 in the Third Round of Colony Lawn Bowls Pairs Championship.

Scoring: at 14 ends Police pair led 13-6 at the 10th and with 4 5 2 4 1 3 took the lead to 32-6 at the 18th. Kowloon Cricket Club pair scored a four at the 19th to reduce the lead to 34-11 and the losers registered a brace at the last.

At Craglenower Cricket Club, N. J. Bebbington and J. F. McGowan beat W. J. Burling and M. N. Rakusen by 19-17 in their postponed Third Round match in the Colony Lawn Bowls Pairs championship.

THREE-DAY GALA CONCLUDED

The three-day charity gala at Chung Sing Benevolent Society's bathing pavilion was concluded last night.

Messrs. Pak Kui-wing and Yee Chau-sui, noted stage stars, entertained with a variety of Chinese songs.

Following gave swimming exhibitions:

Fancy Diving:—So Yan, Kuo Ka-kui, Lam Ka-tung, Wong Wing-woon (C.B.C.).

50 Metres Butterfly Stroke:—Ng Nin (Sing Tao).

100 Metres Breast Stroke:—Miss Li Po-luen (South China).

BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Two games were played yesterday in the Open Basketball League, Wah Kiu easily beating Trojans 64 points to 32 and Y.M.C.A. beating Victoria Recreation Club 51-46.

TABLE TO DATE

	P	W	L	Pts.
Chinese Y.M.C.A.	4	4	0	8
South China	3	3	0	6
Wah Kiu	3	3	0	6
Sing Tao	3	2	1	4
National University	3	2	1	4
Youths	3	2	1	4
Residents' Union	3	2	1	4
Black Cats	3	2	1	4
Indian Police	3	1	2	2
Bank Union	3	1	2	2
Yu Leung	4	1	3	2
V.R.C.	3	0	3	0
Trojans	4	0	4	0
Ping Ching	4	0	4	0

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Telephones (New) \$8 1/2 b.

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CHAN TANG, 31, UNEMPLOYED, WAS DISCHARGED BY MR. H. G. SHELDON, K. C., AT THE CENTRAL MAGISTRACY THIS MORNING. THE POLICE OFFERING NO EVIDENCE AGAINST HIM IN CONNECTION WITH A CHARGE OF MURDER.

It was originally alleged that accused, together with others not in custody, murdered Chung Ngan, alias Chung Kwok-hing, at First Street on July 14.

Accused had been in custody since his arrest two days after the alleged incident.

DISAPPEARANCE OF A JUNK

Junk No. T4027H, with a cargo of 1,500 bales of cotton goods valued at \$30,000, has disappeared from its mooring in the harbour, according to a report made to the police last night.

Kwang Yuk-chi, manager of the Han Kee Trading Company, No. 262, Des Voeux Road Central, owner of the cargo, stated that the junk which was anchored in the Yaumati Typhoon Shelter disappeared between 9 p.m. on Sunday and 7 a.m. yesterday.

TENNIS CAPTAIN MAY TURN TO FOOTBALL

Training Presents Problem

Ho Wing-tsun, captain of South China Athletic Association's Second Division League Tennis team, is seriously contemplating taking up soccer again this Winter, the only doubt at the moment being whether he will be able to spare the time for training.

When he was at Lingnan University, Canton, and later, when he went to the Philippines to study dentistry at the National University, he played a great deal of soccer and was captain of the Chinese Students' football team in the Philippines. He remembers particularly two tours to Hilo, in both of which, a series of three games were played, the Chinese students losing the first by 2 games to 1 and winning the second by the same margin.

Full-Back Position

Ho's position is at full-back and last year he took part in a number of miniature football games for Chinese Recreation Club. He avers that miniature football is even more strenuous than its "elder brother" in that it is a much faster game, and one which also calls for more accurate ball control.

At tennis Ho and his partner in the League, W. T. Lee, won the Kwangtung Province doubles championship some five years ago, but since has been much too occupied with his work to be able to devote the necessary time for competitions of this nature.

Hwa Yee captured Shanghai's "A" Division International Table Tennis Association League championship, when they outplayed Ching Yuen in the final play-off at the Russian Auxiliary Detachment S.M.P. hall by 13-9. The champions completed their League schedule with a clean record of seven straight wins, and were presented the Bakerit Cup at the conclusion of the match. Ching Yuen were the runners-up, and were given a cup donated by Mr. P. C. Yu, vice-president of the Association.



HO WING-TSUN

RECORD WEIGHT IN RING

The ring at the Carlton Stadium, Sydney, must have carried a world's record weight for any boxing contest, when Les McNabb, 19-year-old Lithgow boxer, weighed in at 21st 12lb, his opponent, Army champion Joe Dodds 14st 7lb, and the referee, Mr. J. Wallis, 15 stone, a total weight of 719lb.

It was the first time Mr. Wallis was ever dwarfed in a boxing ring.

There is no authentic record of an Australian boxer having equalled McNabb's weight. He is nine stone heavier than the heavyweight champion, Billy Britt, and four stone heavier than Tony Galento, biggest boxer to contest a world's championship in recent years.

The contest ended early in the second round, when McNabb knocked out Dodds.

McNabb, a son of a local hotelkeeper, is 19 years of age. He is under 6 feet, but is built on the most generous proportions.

There's another Cooney with baseball aspirations. Johnny Cooney, veteran outfielder of Boston Braves, has reason to be proud of his lanky son, Jack, who plays with Sarasota High School. Jack was one of the stars of the Florida interscholastic tournament.

The soccer referees' class at Scandal Point Hall yesterday was exceptionally well attended by both the Services and Civilians. About 25 persons attended the lecture, which was given by Lieut. L. G. Crossby, R.A. and among the Civilians present were Lau Ting-po, E. Lau, Monson Lim, Cheung Yau-sang, Tsang Sik-chin and Winsong Yu.

BREAST-STROKE RECORD

In the course of a swimming meet at Marseilles, recently the French swimmer Nalache broke the world's record for the 200 Metres breast-stroke, covering the distance in 2 minutes 36.8/10. seconds.

The previous record was held by the American, J. Kasley, with a time of 2 minutes 37.2 seconds.

Needle Tennis Match

A very important Second Division Lawn Tennis League game will be played this afternoon when South China meet Chinese Recreation Club at King's Park.

At present South China are leading by one point, which Chinese Recreation Club dropped unexpectedly to Army Tennis Club last week, and a win is therefore essential to Chinese Recreation Club as South China are not expected to drop any points in their last game, against Army Tennis Club, whom they play next week.

It is interesting to note that K. H. Ip, who beat Tsui Yan-pui in the Semi-Final of the singles championship of Chinese Recreation Club, will be playing for South China.

Following is to-day's Second Division programme and some of the teams.

S.C.A.A. v. C.R.C.

C.S.C.C. v. A.T.C.

K.T.G.C.A. v. K.C.C.

C.R.C.:—D. C. Luk and L. F. Hon; S. W. Laing and K. T. Lai; H. N. Chau and C. Wei.

K.C.C.:—F. Grose and N. A. E. Mackay; Baker and A. Gillard; E. Zimmerman and A. Zimmerman.

C.S.C.C.:—I. Agafuroff and J. A. Bendall; B. Agafuroff and W. J. Skinner; C. Sloan and M. Yatskin.

S.C.A.A.:—Ho Wah-hing and Lee Wah-choi; Yip Kung-hung and Dew Chok-him; B. Szeto and Ho Wing-tsun.

Major Louis Stubbendorf, winner of equestrian events in the Olympic Games of 1936, was killed in action on the Eastern front.

KOWLOON FOOTBALL CLUB ENJOY VERY SATISFACTORY YEAR

MEMBERS OF KOWLOON FOOTBALL CLUB WILL BE PRESENTED WITH A VERY SATISFACTORY REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET FOR THE SEASON 1940-1941 AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CLUB ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 29 AT 6 P.M.

TO-DAY'S BASEBALL ENCOUNTER

By "Grandstand"

THE FIRST ROUND GAME IN THE INTERNATIONAL BASEBALL SERIES BETWEEN UNITED STATES AND INDIA, WHICH SHOULD HAVE BEEN PLAYED ON SUNDAY, WILL TAKE PLACE THIS AFTERNOON AT CHATHAM ROAD AT 5.30 P.M.

The Stars and Stripes, favoured by many to take the series 'in a breeze' will come up against something tough when they clash with Kassa Nazarin's Indians in their bid for International honours.

Although the players making up the Indian squad have only been in action in the earlier part of the season, they have regained their former brilliant form in recent workouts, and, despite the rumour that Madeen "Slim" Arculli will be unable to hurl for India owing to an ailment, mentor Nazarin is confident that his bunch of stalwarts will click.

In the possible absence of star finger Madeen Arculli, Kassa Nazarin would probably take over the chukking assignment, with Obear "Shorty" Arculli receiving Romeo Hamet, Baby Abbas and Sherry Bux will form the inner quarter with Jindoo Hussain, Cyclone Bakar and Savage Hassan down for gardening duties.

Strong U.S. Squad

The Stars and Stripes will have most of the pennant winning Mindanaos forming the nucleus of the contingent, augmented by Chuck Waggoner and "Doc" Molthen of Hong Kong Baseballers.

Battery for the whole series will be Lou Pavloski on the hill, and Tony Mascavage at the business end of the partnership.

The year's working showed an excess of income over expenditure amounting to \$3,157.28, while a Rebuilding Reserve, which by adding interest at 4 per cent. will amount to \$12,000 in 20 years as from June, 1937, has accumulated to \$1,711.25 as at 30th June, 1941. The cost of the Bowling Green has now been wiped out.

Gate receipts from football matches show a slight increase on the previous year.

The membership of the Club stands at 182, there being 21 new members during the year.

Mr. R. Hall, chairman of the Club, left the Colony on retirement during the year and Mr. B. D. Evans was elected to his place.

The football ground is reported to be in excellent condition and, in spite of continuous football and softball games, should be in a good state for the coming season.

The Club entered two teams in the Football League. The senior team started well but injuries caused a falling off in their League position at the end of the year. The Club met with more success in the Lawn Bowls League finishing as runners-up in Second Division.

SCHOOL FOOTBALL LEAGUE IS AGAIN BEING DISCUSSED

In spite of the fact that school sport in the Colony is practically at a standstill at the moment, due to the Summer holidays, enough interest has been aroused by the forthcoming inter-schools swimming gala, sponsored by Victoria Recreation Club, to inspire discussion regarding the desirability of resuscitating the now defunct Inter-Schools' Football League, and other forms of organised sport.

This Schools' League (Senior and Junior divisions) proved very popular in the old days until frayed tempers, consequent upon exceptionally close competition for honours, marred the progress of a few matches, and it was then decided that the League be abandoned.

Given proper control of the games, however, there is no reason to doubt why a Schools' League cannot be run smoothly, though much depends on the boys themselves.

HOCKEY ON ROLLER SKATES

Following are the results of matches played yesterday in the Hockey on Roller Skates League for the "Chin Yuen Yat Po" Cup:—

Panthers	0	Cyclones (I. Kitchell)	1
H.K. Skating Club "B"	0	Kowloon Skating Club "B"	6
		(Nanak 3, M. P. Tam 3)	
King's (Nth)	1	Empress Rink (C. L. Chim 2, K. M. Chang, W. M. Mar)	4

TABLE TO DATE:				
	P	W	D	L
Bills	4	0	0	12
K.S.C. "B"	5	3	1	10
Cyclones	3	2	0	3
Panthers	4	2	0	2
Empress	4	2	0	2
Bluebonnets	4	2	0	2
H.K.S.C. "A"	2	1	0	2
H.K.S.C. "B"	4	1	0	3
King's	3	0	0	3
K.S.C. "A"	5	0	0	3

Luke Appling, White Sox veteran, has a lifetime major league batting average of .316. But in his 12 years with the Chicago club he has hit only 24 home runs.

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Football Peace Now In Sight

If complete peace comes to end the football war of recent weeks, it will mean a busy week for officials, as, following a meeting yesterday, it was agreed that the Football League president, Mr. W. C. Cuff, and Mr. W. J. Cearns are to meet representatives of the London clubs, probably to discuss an alternative scheme, and English football is due to start eight days later.

There is no need to repeat how the trouble started, beyond the fact that the London clubs objected on grounds of lengthy travel, to the Football League arrangements and formed their own league among 11 clubs, together with five near London sides. The whole 16 thereupon surrendered membership of the League, according to that body, but an alternative scheme whereby Londoners took in other southern clubs brought about the peace moves.

Yesterday, Mr. George Allison, representing the London clubs, travelled to Derby to meet League representatives, and very friendly discussions of the difficulties took place. The president made certain proposals, including one to the effect that the suggested addition of the other clubs be operative only for the first half of the season.

In the second half the teams would be free to make their own arrangements, when the first 10 matches will rank as the qualifying round for the League War Cup, for which all London clubs will be reinstated.

Adopting these proposals would mean the immediate restoration of the southern clubs to membership

of the League and would not interfere with the London War Cup already arranged.

In order that the matter be placed before the London clubs in detail, Messrs. Cuff and Cearns have consented to meet the London representatives, when a more detailed explanation of the compromise proposals can be given. Reuter.

WOMAN BOWLER ROLLS TRIPLE OF 662

Mrs. Nancy Huff, who began bowling only two years ago, rolled the third highest singles series in the 24-year history of the Women's International Bowling Congress.

Without a miss in her 30 frames, the Los Angeles woman rolled 662, to take first place by 21 pins. She started with 270, only one less than the W.B.C. one-game record established on May 3 by Mrs. Marian Gorman, of Detroit. The Congress 30-frame record is 712, rolled by Marie Clemenson, of Chicago in 1934.

Mrs. Huff, mother of a 7-year-old daughter, opened with a double, spared, then hit eight straight strikes. Her last scores were 102 and 104.

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A pair of artificial legs is expected to be dropped by parachute over Germany for Wing Commander Bader, the legless R.A.F. pilot who was recently taken prisoner by the Germans. It is expected that the enemy will cooperate by delivering the legs to Wing Commander Bader.—Reuter.

GENERAL GRASSETT'S OPINION

"WE ARE NOW EXTREMELY STRONG IN MALAYA. ANY ATTEMPT TO TAKE SINGAPORE WOULD BE A VERY HEAVY UNDERTAKING," DECLARED MAJOR-GENERAL A. E. GRASSETT, G.O.C. OF THE BRITISH FORCES IN CHINA FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS AND A HALF, IN AN INTERVIEW ON HIS ARRIVAL FROM HONG KONG, EN ROUTE TO LONDON, IN VICTORIA (BRITISH COLUMBIA) YESTERDAY. Major-General Grasset added: "It is my considered opinion that unless she becomes really des-

Russians Again On Verge Of Collapse

THE DNIEPER RIVER WAS REACHED ON SUNDAY MORNING BY GERMAN INFANTRY UNITS WHO HAD MADE FORCED MARCHES, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL GERMAN NEWS AGENCY D.N.B., IN A STATEMENT ON RUSSIAN WAR DEVELOPMENTS.

No indication is, however, given of the location of the penetration. The claim states that the infantry had the support of tanks and artillery and that "small Soviet rearguards which attempted to hold them off were overwhelmed."

German guns are now stated to command a stretch of the river preventing the withdrawal of Soviet troops.

The Nazi High Command spokesman in Berlin last night said that German troops from Krivoirog had reached the Dnieper 80 miles to the east and were advancing towards the great Soviet industrial city of Dnepropetrovsk.

These two announcements presumably refer to the same operation.

The spokesman added: "The Russians are tough in their resistance but one day they will be no longer able to resist the enormous German pressure. Already one can predict that despite their seemingly inexhaustible supplies

perate Japan will not be so rash as to fight Britain or the United States."—Reuter.

of men and materials, the will to victory of the German soldiers will bring final success for German arms."

Piling It Up

The official German news agency also reports that "the remnants of four Soviet infantry divisions were wiped out by a Nazi pincer movement in the Nikolaiev area yesterday."

The Soviet troops, it says, were trying to break through to a road in German hands. They made their last stand along a railway embankment which is said to have been piled with Russian dead.

THE REPORT MAKES NO MENTION OF ANY PRISONERS HAVING BEEN TAKEN, BUT AN HUNGARIAN CLAIM ISSUED LAST NIGHT REFERS TO SEVERAL THOUSAND PRISONERS AND CONSIDERABLE BOOTY FROM THE BATTLE-GROUND OF NIKOLAIEV.

The Hungarian communique says: "Since the fighting on August 8, our troops have advanced between 120 and 150 miles along the River Bug to take part with the German forces in the Battle of Nikolaiev. Our motorcyclists caused heavy losses to an enemy superior in numbers, who fought fiercely while our cavalry checked all his attempts to break out."

Peipus Claim

According to a Stockholm message to the Italian News Agency quoted by Rome Radio, it is claimed that German troops advancing along both sides of the Lake Peipus, on the Estonian frontier have joined forces in the north.

Russians in Estonia, it is stated, are thus cut off by the Germans in the 30-mile wide neck of land between Lake Peipus and the Baltic.—Reuter.

Russian Retreat

A Russian early morning communique revealed the abandonment of the important Black Sea port of Nikolaiev after the blowing up of the great system of docks from which Ukraine corn is exported. Krivoirog, the industrial centre of the iron ore basin in the bend of the Dnieper, has also been abandoned.—British Wireless.

NOTICE TO QUIT

JAPANESE LIVING IN A LARGE DEFENCE AREA IN THE SOUTH-EAST CORNER OF JOHORE HAVE BEEN GIVEN NOTICE TO LEAVE WITHIN 14 DAYS.

IT IS BELIEVED THAT MORE THAN 50 PERSONS ARE CONCERNED, MOST OF THEM RUBBER ESTATE PROPRIETORS AND MINE OWNERS, SAYS A REUTER MESSAGE FROM SINGAPORE.

HITLER'S HEALTH: NEW RUMOURS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Ill health has forced Hitler to leave the Russian front and go to Berchtesgaden, according to a Moscow Radio report, quoting Berne.

The report stated that a specialist in nervous diseases had been consulted and two Swiss Psychologists. Hitler's health has "deteriorated since the Russian front setback."—International News Service.

UKRAINE DRIVE SLOWING UP

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forces are pounding with long-range guns from all sides, and that the Luftwaffe is ceaselessly attacking.

The radio says that the Luftwaffe, having cleaned up the job in Nikolaiev, has now moved to new assignments and is stated to have destroyed several passages

Shanghai Hopeful

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Shanghai business men this morning expressed the opinion that Shanghai's trade will be improved "somewhat" by the strengthening of the National Currency.

Nevertheless, the large number of restrictions on exchange movements by the Currency Stabilisation Committee will, it is felt, make any great trade upswing improbable.

It is noteworthy that apparent from the official controls, Chinese currency has strengthened on the black markets as a result of the stabilisation action.—International News Service.

over the Dnieper.—International News Service.

Soviet Communique

The Soviet midnight communique covering the fighting during the hours of daylight yesterday says: "Our troops continued fierce fighting with the enemy along the entire front. After stubborn fighting, our troops evacuated the town of Kingisepp (due east of Narva and southwest of Leningrad.)"

"During August 17, 22 German planes were brought down in air combats. We lost 18 planes.

"According to precise data now available, in the course of air combats on August 16, 25 German planes were brought down, not 19 as previously reported.

"In the Baltic Sea, our torpedo-boats sank a German submarine and two enemy transports."—Reuter.

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